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Thatcher anger over latest blow to extradition deal with Dublin

Fury as Irish judge frees terror suspect

By Richard Ford, Paul Vallely and Stewart Tendler

A fresh row erupted between London and Dublin last night as the Prime Minister and Director of Public Prosecutions reacted with fury to the freeing of a suspected IRA terrorist.

Within hours of an Irish Republic court's decision to refuse an extradition order served on Patrick McVeigh, Mrs Thatcher received a full report on the affair and was said to be "utterly dismayed" at the judgement.

A spokesman at No 10 Downing Street said she was particularly concerned because Britain's Crown Prosecution Service had been specifically assured by the Irish authorities that witnesses would not be needed to identify McVeigh.

District Justice Jarlath Ruane released McVeigh because no British police officer was in court for the extradition hearing.

McVeigh's release is a dramatic blow to the new extradition agreement between Ireland and the United Kingdom, finalized only last month.

Justice Ruane said the state's case was "fatally flawed" on the question of identification.

"There's no doubt whatsoever that the person before the court is Patrick McVeigh, who until his arrest was a prisoner at Port Laoise", he said.

"However, that falls somewhat short of saying that he is the same Patrick McVeigh whose name appears on the warrant. The address at Forest Street, Belfast, is the only connecting link. It could be the father or son or indeed a complete stranger of the same name at that address.

"To deprive a person of his liberty and hand him over to another jurisdiction without this vital evidence would be totally unjust."

Last night Scotland Yard sources said that British police witnesses had been sent to the Irish Republic in preparation for the extradition hearing.

However, Irish government legal experts had said there was no need for the witnesses to stay and they returned to Britain.

On 10 June, the crown prosecution service was informed in writing that Irish counsel had advised that sufficient evidence was already available in law to establish the identification of McVeigh.

The letter specifically noted that no British witnesses would be required to fly to the Republic.

The Irish Attorney General agreed with counsels' advice and lawyers and police in London said yesterday that the Irish counsel's comments had been correct in law.

In a statement issued last night, Mr Alan Green, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, said the court case was "a most dismaying outcome" to the first application to be made under the new extradition agreement between the two countries.

McVeigh faced extradition on a charge of being in possession of explosives between August 1981 and October 1983. He was also charged with conspiracy with others to cause explosions in the United Kingdom.

During the period of the possession charge, three people were killed outside Chelsea Barracks by a bomb as a coachload of soldiers was passing and a police explosives expert was killed in Oxford Street trying to detonate a bomb.

Moments after he was released yesterday, McVeigh was mobbed by shrieking IRA supporters in the small market town of Port Laoise.

Several police officers moved to rearrest him, but other officers backed away when a police sergeant shouted from the courtroom steps: "Let him go. He's a free man."

Members of the crowd surrounded McVeigh, then punched and kicked the only officer still holding him.

McVeigh, who was released from Port Laoise prison last month after serving five years for firearms offences, then escaped down an alleyway.

Afterwards, as he was spirited away through a car park, his father, Mr Alphonsis McVeigh, said: "We are just too pleased to say anything. We never expected this, though we prayed that the judge would see our side of things."

The scenes in the town recalled the debacle in which another IRA suspect, Evelyn Glenholmes, escaped from British police when an extradition warrant was refused against her too on a technicality.

At least three other leading terrorist suspects have been freed in extradition cases because of technical defects in warrants.

Last night senior legal officers in London were waiting for a detailed report on events in the Irish court yesterday.

It may be possible for the Irish Attorney General to order the re-arrest of McVeigh and then go to the High Court to overturn the district court decision.

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Drought threat to US crops

From Charles Bremner
New York

Thunderstorms brought much-needed rain to a stretch of America's parched northern plains and midwestern farm belt yesterday, but much more is needed to break a drought that is threatening crops and causing water shortages across the country from the west coast to the deep south.

The rain, heaviest in Nebraska, caused flash flooding from eastern Colorado to Minnesota, bringing some relief after weeks of dry weather, while hot dry weather continued to blight the rest of the breadbasket states.

A dry spring and less than normal winter snow has left the soil so dry in some parts of the Midwest that seeds did not germinate. The drought has heaped further woes on small farmers in the region who are struggling to make ends meet in an industry that was already depressed. Some farmers in Ohio have ploughed crops under rather than spend more money on fertiliser. Local authorities have declared 84 of the 92 counties in Indiana federal disaster areas, a measure that provides low interest loans and allows farmers to

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Inquiry into DTI's role in Clowes case ordered

By Philip Webster and Sheila Gunn

An independent investigator is being appointed to examine the Department of Trade and Industry's role in the Barlow Clowes affair, the Government announced last night.

And the Government may have to pick up a compensation bill running into tens of millions of pounds if the inquiry reveals that the DTI failed to carry out its statutory duties in licensing and then relicensing the collapsed investment company, MPs were told.

As the Government's embarrassment over the affair deepened, the unprecedented inquiry by an investigator drawn from outside the civil service was announced in the Lords by Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. The investigator was to be named shortly.

He also announced the appointment of inspectors, Mr David Ziman and Mr Walter Hoffman, to look into the affairs of James Ferguson Holding, the Clowes holding company. And he confirmed that investigators were appointed last November to examine Barlow Clowes.

It was confirmed that, as revealed in *The Times* last Friday, worries about the company were submitted to the DTI by the National Association of Securities Dealers and Investment Managers, a top City watchdog, between the application for a licence in March 1985 and its granting in that October.

Conservative and Labour MPs voiced concern for investors and anger at DTI as the first Commons statement on the affair was made.

About £85 million was lent by the crashed Barlow Clowes investment group without proper documentation, liquidators Cork Gully said last night. But investigators feared that only £26m of BCI's £138m fund might be recovered. Mr Michael Jordan of Cork Gully admitted it would be a long time before any payout could be made.....21

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One Conservative MP, Mr Hugh Dykes, said it was a "shocking and disturbing story" with implications potentially worse than the Guinness affair.

Lord Young had earlier told the Lords that he would instruct officials to co-operate fully with the inquiry. "This is an inquiry to determine the facts of what actually happened within the Department; to determine whether the Department is to blame in any way.

Mr Tony Blair, Labour trade spokesman, welcomed the inquiry but said that the Government's "trenchant action today stands in stark contrast with the years of gullibility and incompetence that preceded it".

He said that Barlow Clowes's offer of an income tax-free gilt edged fund after bond-washing had been outlawed "should have set the alarm bells ringing.

He asked why the Securities Investment Board were within weeks were winding up the company. Mr Francis Maude, the Minister for Corporate Affairs, told him that the reason was simple; prior to the Financial Services Act there were not sufficient powers to seize the assets of a company.

Lord Young stated that special managers of the company's assets had been appointed at the instance of the SIB.

Football violence 'summit' at No 10

By Staff Reporters

A plan for a strict clampdown on the sale of tickets for English football internationals abroad will be discussed at Thursday's summit on football hooliganism called by the Prime Minister.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday ordered an urgent report into the violence caused by English fans at the start of the European championship in West Germany.

At the weekend 107 people, mostly English, were arrested in Stuttgart, where England lost their opening fixture to the Republic of Ireland. By last night, 82 had been released and 11 had been charged with offences including causing bodily harm, burglary and vandalism.

In one incident, an Egyptian, aged 22, was slashed with a knife on his hips by a group of English fans. He was yesterday released from hospital.

Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said in West Germany that he was "angry and depressed" about the violence involving English fans and the damage it did to Britain's reputation abroad.

The plan believed to be on Mrs Thatcher's agenda would limit ticket sales for internationals abroad to *bona fide* supporters, and potential trouble-makers would not be able to buy tickets on the spot as they have done during the current championship.

Ministers believe that the arrangements adopted by the West German authorities for ticket sales have contributed to the disturbances because they refused to accept a complete ban on ticket sales at the gate.

The details of the proposed crackdown are being pieced together in a report for Mrs Thatcher by Mr Moynihan.

Mrs Thatcher's decision to call the meeting, which will also be attended by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the

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Sun brings early hay fever

By Patrick O'Hanlon

Hay fever has struck earlier than usual this year as a result of the mild spring which has brought forward grass pollination.

"When the season starts early there are more possible days for high pollen counts," Dr Roland Davies, head of the mycology department at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Paddington, said

Yesterday's London pollen count of 202 was described as "very high" and can be expected to remain at an uncomfortable level until the weekend.

The current spell of dry, sunny weather is expected to continue until the weekend and possibly beyond, the London Weather Centre said last night. "A ridge of high pressure is covering Britain, and when it doesn't rain then the pollen count is kept high."

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Million strike in Armenian crisis

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union is facing a new wave of ethnic unrest on a vast scale in the southern republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan which is threatening to overshadow the watershed Communist Party conference on June 28 and to destabilize the Government of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

Yesterday much of the republic of Armenia including its capital, Yerevan, began an unprecedented general strike designed to force the local Supreme Soviet (parliament) to demand — against Kremlin instructions — that the mountainous Azerbaijani enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh be returned to Armenian jurisdiction, from which it was taken in 1923.

"The city is closed down. Virtually no one is working," a Yerevan hotel receptionist told *The Times* before the line was cut, presumably by the KGB. Earlier, local Communist Party officials said that the strike call was supported on the streets on Sunday by 500,000 demonstrators.

A spokesman for the Armenian Communist Party newspaper, who was obviously sympathetic to the protest, told Western reporters yesterday: "The majority of Yerevan enterprises are not working. If the Supreme Soviet does not adopt a resolution on this issue when it meets on Wednesday, the strike will continue."

Local officials later reported that in an effort to defuse the protests, Mr Suren Arrutunyan, the new head of the Armenian Communist Party, had gone into the streets of Yerevan and promised 100,000 demonstrators that the republic's parliament would come up with "a pos-

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Mitterrand faces power share-out

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

The serious business of negotiating for a slice of power begins in France today when leaders of the moderate conservative faction meet to discuss their policy towards President Mitterrand and his Socialist Government.

With M Mitterrand due to receive the recently-appointed Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, at around the same time, the political landscape of the country in the wake of Sunday's indecisive parliamentary election could begin to emerge more clearly.

The last results from Sunday have confirmed that France now has a hung parliament. The Socialists again hold the largest bloc of seats with 276 deputies — 13 short of a working majority — when faithful left-wing splinter groups are included.

The conservative alliance, Union for Rally and the Centre, and supporting right-wing groups, won 271 seats, and the revived Communist party ended with 27 seats. M Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front managed to return a lone deputy. Two Polynesian seats have yet to declare.

In view of the potential deadlock, the various centrist groups within the Union for French Democracy (UDF) must decide soon whether to participate in the process of *ouverture* which M Mitterrand had previously proposed.

The UDF's performance in the poll compares favourably with that of its more right-wing partner, Rally for the Republic, leading some observers to conclude that it might opt for breakaway negotiations with the Socialists.

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Government pledges extra £100m for Thyssen

By Richard Ford and Sarah Jane Checkland

The Government is prepared to raid the contingency reserve fund to provide more than £100 million to win for Britain the one billion pound art collection of Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza.

Mrs Thatcher and the Cabinet's willingness to find money from the fund to acquire the masterpieces is an indication of their intense desire to see the collection of Old Masters and modern paintings come to Britain and of their belief that at that price they represent a bargain for the nation.

The cash will be in addition to this year's annual arts budget of £417 million but the Government believes that with the baron's collection conservatively valued at between £750 million and £1 billion, the payment of £100 million plus whatever it needs to build a new gallery to house the paintings is a bargain for Britain.

The art world responded with delight to the possibility of Britain becoming the home for the collection, as reported in *The Times* yesterday.

"It is wonderful that this country is being considered by Baron Thyssen, as a venue for his collection", Sir Hugh Leggatt, the heritage campaigner, said. "It would be particularly happy for the incomparable portrait of King Henry VIII by Holbein to return to these shores".

It has emerged that, while the recent, highly successful exhibition of Old Master paintings from the Thyssen collection was taking place under *The Times's* sponsorship at the Royal Academy, both Mrs Thatcher and the Prince of Wales personally approached the baron with proposals that the collection come here.

Two sites in London's redeveloped docklands are being considered as a potential permanent home for the collection.

Now aged 67, the Baron has been considering possible homes for his 572 Old Master, and 900 modern paintings for some time. Currently housed at Lugano, they have been subject to propositions from Germany, America, and Spain.

Two months ago he announced that Spain, his fifth wife's homeland, had been chosen as a temporary venue for the collection, and the world assumed that Spain had become his permanent choice. Now it has emerged that the Baron finds Britain's late offer "enchanting" and imaginative, and is seriously considering it.

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A member of the Spanish royal family was quoted as saying Britain's offer had been rejected.

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Planes fly north to miss UK jams

International airline pilots are having to fly over the North Sea, adding more than half an hour to flights to the United States, in an effort to avoid air traffic congestion over England and Wales.

Aircraft from the Continent normally fly direct over southern England, Wales and Ireland but because of congestion that is often impossible and instead they are nowheading east towards the less crowded North Sea and then picking up the main airway to the Unites States off Scotland.

Eurocontrol, the European-wide air traffic control organization, said last night: "There is a real problem for many airlines who now find they have to keep their aircraft on the ground waiting for a slot to get across England. This all costs time and money and instead they are looking at other solutions, such as flying up the North Sea and across Scotland."

Second award for hero

An RAF search and rescue winchman who helped to save three men trapped beneath a Sussex cliff was given his second bravery award yesterday. Master Air Loadmaster (MAL) Tony Rodmell, aged 44, won the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air. The citation read: "By courageously placing his own life at risk to save the lives of others, Master Air Loadmaster Rodmell acted in the highest traditions of search and rescue." The first time he was honoured was in 1976 when he was winched down to a drifting Belgian trawler in the Channel to rescue the captain.

Drinking death toll

Two-thirds of the pedestrians killed in Scottish road accidents were drunk, according to the most recent statistics available. The figures, published yesterday, also show that a much larger proportion of Scottish pedestrians had been drinking heavily compared with those killed in England and Wales. The Scottish Office statistics, for 1986, show that 167 adult pedestrians were killed in Scotland, of whom 102 were drunk.

Prince's Trust grows

The Prince of Wales's Youth Business Trust, which has created 10,000 jobs for young disadvantaged people, is to set up 10 new regional boards to cover more of the country. Mr John Pervin, chief executive, said the trust would invest more than £2 million in the scheme this year and this would be increased substantially when all the new areas were in operation. The trust gives grants or loans of £1,000 to help unemployed or otherwise disadvantaged 18 to 25 year olds set up or develop their own businesses.

Adie wins damages

Miss Kate Adie, the BBC news reporter, won substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday from the *Daily Express*. Miss Adie sued the newspaper after a report in October 1986 accused her of providing news coverage sympathetic to Colonel Gadaffi and the Libyan regime. It was alleged that she had obtained favours not available to other journalists during the American bombing of Tripoli

Bough takes a rest

Frank Bough, the television presenter, is to leave the nation's screens temporarily in the wake of recent allegations about his private life. He said that he was mentally and physically exhausted. The BBC said last night that he would remain under exclusive contract and would return to the *Holiday* programme when he was ready.

Rare birds nest again

The only known pair of red-backed shrikes in Britain are nesting in a Forestry Commission car park at Thetford Forest, Suffolk, where young were hatched last year. The rare birds are sitting on four eggs inside a specially-fenced area of scrub in the forest at St Helens, Santon Downham.

Fears for Canadian order in fixed holidays dispute

Strike vote halts work on Trident

By Peter Davenport

All work on the Trident nuclear submarine building programme stopped yesterday after workers at the VSEL shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, voted for the first official all-out strike in their history.

HMS Vanguard and HMS Victorious, the first of the four boats to be ordered by the Government to go into service in the 1990s, are among the casualties of strike action by 13,000 men in the 13 unions at the plant.

In addition to stopping all work on the company's £1 billion submarine programme, which includes the Trafalgar hunter-killer boats and a new class of diesel-electric submarines, the strike comes as Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering are trying to secure a £3 billion order from Canada.

The Canadian government is expected to announce in the next few weeks whether it is to order the British Trafalgar class nuclear powered, hunter-killer submarines to re-equip its navy or to opt for a French vessel.

VSEL have fought fiercely to win the contract, the largest ever export order for nuclear-powered submarines. The company mounted an extensive sales drive in every Canadian province earlier this year.

The issue that has led to the strike is the company's intention to return to a system of fixed annual holidays on the shopfloor in an effort to achieve maximum efficiency at the yard in the face of tighter procurement policies at the Ministry of Defence and increasingly tough competition elsewhere in the world.

But union officials say the holiday dispute is only the latest in a long line of incidents under new management, brought in after privatization two years ago, which has caused resentment among the workers.

Mr Frank Ward, district secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions in Barrow, said yesterday that fixed annual holidays were outdated and represented a decline in working conditions.

"I hope the management will realize the determination of our members and reverse their decision otherwise the strike will go on."

He said the issue of the Canadian contract was a smokescreen as only the first of the boats would be built at Barrow with the others constructed, under license with VSEL involvement, in Canada.

Staff unions at the yard have always had flexible holidays and five years ago, after negotiations, shopfloor workers also adopted the system. Earlier this year the company said it wanted to go back to the former system.

It said yesterday that there was massive fall-off of productivity in the peak summer months because it was difficult to ensure the right mixture of skills were there to carry on working efficiently.

Unions introduced an overtime ban as a protest against the company proposals and last week 50 men were sent home for refusing to work overtime to ensure that a submarine engine testing programme was kept on schedule.

The action prompted a mass unofficial walk-out and yesterday the unions announced that a secret ballot had voted for official strike action.

Returns from 12 unions showed that only one which represents management staff, voted against industrial action.

Although there was a low turn-out, of union members at the offices were the ballots were held, officials said that 3,810 voted for industrial action with 1,742 against.

The decision of the remaining union, the GMB with 3,500 members will be known tomorrow: it is expected to support the strike action.

The company is the town's largest employer and each week generates around £2 million into the local economy.

Yesterday Mr Rick Emslie, VSEL's personnel director, said he hoped the dispute would have no effect on the chances of winning the Canadian order. "We hope the Canadians will put the strike in its proper context".

The system of fixed holidays was common in other shipbuilding, engineering and manufacturing concerns, he said.

The company would not open talks with the unions until normal working had been resumed.

Sloppy thinking gibe by Gould

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Bryan Gould yesterday launched a staunch defence of Labour's policy review with an outspoken attack on the labour movement's past reliance on simple slogans and "sloppy and lazy wishful thinking".

The battle for the Labour leadership shifted gear as Mr Gould, one of the key figures behind the policy review, made a savage attack on Mr Neil Kinnock's left-wing enemies. He said their view that socialism was somewhere engraved on tablets of stone discouraged party activists from engaging in political thinking.

The shadow trade and industry secretary's comments marked a significant raising of the temperature in the leadership election, after the decision of the Transport and General Workers' Union executive last week to withhold support for the Kinnock-Hattersley "dream ticket".

His was the first of a series of expected interventions from leading members of the Shadow Cabinet, both to back the policy review and by implication the leadership ticket. The aim will be to underline the overwhelming support for the leadership line in the party at large.

Mr Gould said in Ipswich: "No one wants to write blank cheques for the leadership but people cannot be asked to vote for a party whose own supporters assure everyone who will listen that the leadership is not to be trusted with power".

He said the theory also let the party off the hook. By telling activists they had already done all that was needed to ensure the victory of socialism, the theory absolved them from the need to do any more. "The truth is that sloppy and lazy wishful thinking, or the refusal to think at all, have constantly meant that Labour has sent its front-line troops into battle cruelly ill-prepared".

Labour must have the application and self-confidence and appetite for hard work to carry through a policy review which was true to its principles, attractive to the electorate and provide a practical programme for government.

● Mr Kinnock could lose his majority on the party's national executive, according to a new issue of *Forward Labour*, a centre-right Labour newsletter.

In the first issue since its suspension in January the paper says that recent changes in the unions do not bode well for the composition of the party executive in October.

Although it is almost impossible for Mr Kinnock to lose his NEC majority in the short-term, *Forward Labour* says that key Kinnock loyalists could be under threat — particularly in the constituency section — unless moderate trade unions campaign actively against the hard left.

Unionists outline devolution strategy

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Unionist leaders have proposed a devolved administration for Northern Ireland based on a committee system, including one which would deal with relations with the Irish Republic.

The plan was outlined to Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, during talks with the leaders of the Official and Democratic Unionist parties.

The unionists propose a grand committee at Westminster to oversee legislation for the north, plus a series of committees in the province

The committees would take over the responsibility from Northern Ireland Office departments which run agriculture, education, industry, health and social services, and environment.

Some chairmanships would be held by SDLP representatives in proportion to their strength in the Assembly.

An external affairs committee of unionists and nationalists would deal with Dublin on issues of common concern. But both unionist leaders remain opposed to power sharing.

Briton marks coronation climb



Stephen Venables, the British mountaineer, on top of Mount Everest on May 12, when a British team became the first to ascend the mountain by a new route on the east face. Venables is also the first British climber to have reached the 29,028 ft summit without oxygen. He survived a night at 28,000 ft without a tent or sleeping bag. The Everest '88 expedition was mounted to mark the thirty-fifth anniversary of the first conquest of the world's highest mountain by Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing in coronation year.

Last legal chapter in MI5 case

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, who was made a life peer in the Queen's Birthday Honours, will stand before five Law Lords today to present for the last time in the courts the Government's legal case against further publication of extracts from Spycatcher, the best-selling book by Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 official.

The House of Lords hearing, expected to take six days, will again rehearse the wider Government argument that former members of the intelligence services must be held to a lifelong duty of silence.

It is expected that if the Law Lords rule against the Government, the fight will not end there. New legislation may be introduced to enshrine in law the Government's belief that members of the security services should be prohibited from writing or speaking about their employment.

Today's hearing will be before Lords Keith, Griffiths, Goff, Brightman and Jauncey. Lord Griffiths is chairman of the Security Commission.

The Government's appeal is against the ruling by the Court of Appeal in February which upheld a High Court judgment that *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Observer* should be allowed to report and comment on Mr Wright's allegations in *Spycatcher*.

The Court of Appeal, unanimously rejected the Government's claim for a permanent ban on publishing extracts from *Spycatcher*.

They said that as a result of worldwide dissemination of the information in the book, "the right of confidence formerly enjoyed by the Crown no longer bound third parties."

Although the battle beginning today in the Lords concerns the Government's wish to stop further publication of the *Spycatcher* allegations, Mr Alexander will focus his remarks on the wider issue of intelligence officers' obligations of secrecy.

Kinnock quiz

Four readers of *Early Times*, Britain's first quality newspaper for young people, are to interview Mr Neil Kinnock next week after their recent interview with the Prime Minister at Downing Street.

Television advertising

Fifth channel wins support

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Independent television's existing 15 regional stations should be reduced to seven and an advertising-supported Channel 5 should be introduced by 1993, Britain's advertisers told the Government yesterday.

The advertisers also said Channel 4, which is owned by the independent television stations, should eventually become an independent company and so provide new television advertising opportunities.

The proposals, submitted by the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising, reflect the industry's annoyance at the television advertising monopoly enjoyed by independent television companies whose air time rates have rocketed, while their audiences have been shrinking.

In its submission to the Government, the institute calls for more competition and wider choice to be introduced into commercial broadcasting. Ideally, it would have liked to have seen advertising on BBC.

Instead the institute says that from 1993 the number of independent television areas should be reduced to six — plus Ulster — and a similar number of new Channel 5 regional franchises should be awarded to match the new independent television "macro-regions".

"This revised structure is proposed in order to ensure a more even spread of business potential among the individual franchise holders and to avoid the programme scheduling difficulties and advertising demand imbalances which result from the present independent television area structure," the institute said yesterday.

Changes at TVS, but no job losses

By Our Media Editor

Television South became the latest independent television company to demand radical changes in staff working practices yesterday, but unlike other commercial channels, it is not seeking job losses.

Its 1,100-strong work force was informed yesterday that the company wants increased job flexibility and changes in the assignment of staff, rostering, scheduling and travel and subsistence arrangements.

A six-page document outlining the proposals is to be followed by a short "clarification" period. Most of the changes will be implemented within weeks.

Mr James Gatward, chief executive of the Southampton-based company, said: "Increased competition in broadcasting means that we must all be prepared to change. I am proud of our industrial relations record, and I feel sure that with a positive attitude, more job flexibility and rationalized working practices can be introduced."

Mr Lucian Hudson of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, said: "We accept the need for change and TVS looks as though it has struck the right balance".

Aluminium and early senility

Research fuels water fears

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Confirmation of the link between levels of aluminium in drinking water and Alzheimer's disease, or early senility, is disclosed in two studies about to be published.

The findings will fuel the controversy over aluminium in drinking water and calls for stricter controls on levels of the metal in foods and the environment.

One study forms the largest investigation of the metal content of Britain's water supplies and includes an analysis of brain tissue from more than 500 Alzheimer's victims.

The results, showing clearly that the disease is more widespread in areas with high levels of aluminium in water supplies, comes from measurements by scientists working with Dr Neil Ward, of Surrey University.

The measurements also show how much aluminium in drinking water can be attributed to the use of aluminium sulphate for clarifying cloudy water and how much is leached from the land into rivers and reservoirs by acid rain.

The second finding, by neuro-scientists at Newcastle University, says that many premature babies may also be in danger because their immature kidneys cannot remove the large amounts of aluminium in their food.

The Newcastle group, led by Dr John Candy and Professor Jim Edwardson, team have been scanning the brains of kidney patients looking for abnormalities associated with Alzheimer's.

Measurements by Surrey University covering 15 water authority areas in England and Scotland disclosed that in six of them the amount of aluminium exceeded the maximum level set by the European Commission for safe water supplies.

Dr Ward said: "The areas with high levels correlate directly with high incidences of Alzheimer's". He does not believe that excessive aluminium alone causes Alzheimer's.

Aluminium content of British Water
(nanograms per millilitre)

Authority	Raw* Max	Treated** Max	Domestic Tap Max
Shetlands	160.0	219.3	87.2
Grampian	34.7	36.2	128.1
Tayside	73.9	100.3	388.4
Central	31.8	99.9	71.9
Lothian	52.6	167.3	229.7
Borders	219.3	291.3	537.8
Highlands	433.8	(a)	133.7
Dumfries and Galloway	449.0	910.1	286.2
Northumbrian	372.9	420.7	432.1
Yorkshire	214.3	(a)	186.7
Severn Trent	73.3	232.5	138.2
Anglian	(a)	(a)	14.1
Thames	13.8	(a)	20.8
Southern	42.0	38.3	18.3

* Raw:river,groundwater,reservoir. ** Treated:chemical coagulation with $Al_2(SO_4)_3$
(a) Not specified

Oxford's first woman master of surgery

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

Miss Janet Whiteway, aged 37, has become the first woman to gain a Master of Surgery degree at Oxford University.

Her younger sister, Squadron Leader Hilary Whiteway, now aged 34, also broke new ground in 1986 when she became the first woman to command an operational RAF station overseas.

Miss Whiteway has found the world of surgeons to be by what she calls the "changing-room syndrome" of anti-female prejudice.

When she applied for one job she was told by the professor leading the selection board: "You won't get the job because we don't want a woman".

She did not get that job, but is now a urological registrar at Homerton and St Bartholomew's Hospitals in London.

Miss Whiteway suspects that she is the first woman to gain the Oxford degree because most women are more likely to move into research than surgery.



Miss Janet Whiteway: facing prejudice

The case of the 'one child crimewave'

Boy aged 13 flees to Costa del Crime

By Robin Young

A boy aged 13 who is wanted in connection with 20 burglaries, and who London police describe as a "a one child crimewave", was said yesterday to be the youngest British fugitive from justice to flee to what has become known as the Costa del Crime in Spain, because of the number of master criminals who have set up home there.

Last night his mother, who said he had already appeared in court 60 times in three years, said: "He is no angel. I know he thieves but I'm proud of him and he is a smashing lad."

She claimed "police harassment" had driven him abroad, and maintained he was travelling on a "forged passport" and was also a master of disguise.

She added that he had gone with family friends to help to work on a villa near Marbella and that he would not be back for six months, unless it is "on the quiet and possibly wearing a wig and a dress".

"I am not giving up my son to anybody", she said yesterday. "He is just a boy trying to prove he can go straight."

The boy was first arrested for burglary when he was nine. He has offences arising from 10 recent arrests outstanding before the courts and was due to return to a south London police station on June 1 to be accused of three further offences. To date he has no convictions, although he has been cautioned.

Police have nicknamed the boy "the artful dodger". He is described as a skinny urchin, with an impish face and tousled hair, standing only four feet ten inches, looking younger than his years, and weighing "four and half stone when he is wet".

He does not use violence, police say, because he is simply too small, but he is "a good little climber".

Det Constable John Ashton, who is handling eight of his cases said yesterday that the boy had been on bail for 18 months. "Because there is no secure accommodation for those under 14, he is always remanded on bail. Then he goes out and does another job, and when he appears in court the cases are tied together and cannot be dealt with at once, so he is remanded again.

"It would not surprise me if he is not finally dealt with until after he is 14 and can be put in secure accommodation."

The boy comes from an estate in Southwark, south London, notorious for criminality.

He often steals with other children, sometimes travelling by bicycle as far afield as Hammersmith, Fulham and the West End. Police believe the children have a network of fences but seldom get more than a fraction of the value of the stolen property.

The boy's mother faces one charge of handling stolen bicycles on her son's behalf. She is a thin, worn looking woman with dyed blonde hair, in her late 30s, separated from her husband.

She has five other children, most of whose scrapes with the law have been minor. The "artful dodger" is the youngest. Neighbours said yesterday: "He and his friends are nothing but trouble from dawn until after midnight".

Det Constable Ashton said last night: "Interpol have not been informed. Frankly we are not all that keen to have him back. We do not doubt he will be coming home. He loves his Mum too much to stay away. When we see him we will arrest him again, but it probably will not do much good."

Seamen take back their HQ

By Kerry Gill

Local officials of the National Union of Seamen yesterday repossessed their Aberdeen headquarters which had been taken over by court-appointed sequestrators 10 days ago.

Mr Harry Bygate, the Aberdeen area secretary, claimed the English-appointed sequestrators had no power to take over buildings in Scotland.

"As far as we are concerned, they only had the office for safekeeping and now we want it back. It is up to the sequestrators to challenge us in court if they think fit."

Yesterday, the seamen hung a large banner on the front of the building and put up a notice saying, "No entry for sequestrators or any other thieves without appointment".

Two full-time officials and three seamen were in the offices. Mr Bygate said that he had received a call from accountants representing the sequestrators to confirm the seamen were back in the building.

He said he was told they should not be there, and he had agreed the sequestrators could take any money that arrived at the office.

NUS members also repossessed their Glasgow office, Maritime House, for a short time yesterday. They, too, said they were questioning the legal right to sequestrate offices in Scotland.

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Trainer and vet are accused of false claim over dead colt

By Peter Davenport

A two-year-old chestnut colt, sired by a horse called Creative Plan, was at the centre of a conspiracy to defraud an insurance company, a jury was told yesterday.

A racehorse trainer insured the unnamed colt for £3,000, after it had already been destroyed after an accident on morning exercise, it was alleged.

Bill Stubbs, aged 45, who trains near Middleham, in the North Yorkshire Dales, and his wife Linda, also involved a leading veterinary surgeon, Laurence Griffiths, in the plot, it was claimed.

A jury at Teesside Crown Court was told that the conspiracy was hatched after the colt broke a foreleg on a gallop at Middleham Moor.

Mr Malcolm Swift, QC, for the prosecution, said: "They pretended the horse was alive and kicking after it had been put down".

Mr and Mrs Stubbs, of Tupgill Park Stables, and Mr Griffiths, aged 53, of Thirsk, North Yorkshire, all deny conspiracy to defraud. The trainer and his wife also deny obtaining £3,000 by deception.

The saga of the nameless colt, sired by *Creative Plan* out of Trendy Youth, allegedly began in September 1985 when Mr Stubbs bought the horse for 1,500 guineas at a yearling sale in Ireland.

Early on the morning of March 11 the next year the horse fell and broke a leg while being ridden on exercise by Mr Stubbs, who was taken to hospital for a check-up.

Mr Jack Watkinson, a veterinary surgeon from Leyburn, North Yorkshire, examined the colt and put it down.

Mr Swift said that Mrs Stubbs then hurriedly telephoned Bloodstock and General Insurance Brokers to arrange cover for the colt in case of accidents.

She gave the owner's name as Miss L. Sydney, her own maiden name, and her parents' address in Sunderland. A claim was made the next day.

Mr Swift said that Mr Griffiths' name was on the insurance claim along with his vet's report, although it was Mr Watkinson who had destroyed the horse. The affair came to light when an informant alerted the Jockey Club who began an investigation.

By then, the court was told, the insurance company had already paid out a cheque for £3,000 which had been cashed by Mr Stubbs.

When he learnt about the Jockey Club inquiry, he allegedly tried to repay the money.

It was alleged that he included a note which said: "With reference to the claim on behalf of Mrs Sydney who was paid and signed the cheque over to me, I think it very likely the claim should not have been made".

Mr Swift said that Mr Stubbs's cheque was never banked.

The court was told that the Stubbs had intended the colt to go to Doncaster Bloodstock Sales later in the month of the accident, with an asking price of 3,000 guineas.

Mr Swift said: "The claim form contained totally bogus information with only one aim in mind, to deceive the insurance company. The insurance certificate involved Griffiths right up to the hilt in a piece of blatant dishonesty."

Mr Swift said that on the form Mr Griffiths said he attended the colt on the gallops at Middleham and found it on three legs with the other completely fractured.

"On the form he wrote: 'The case was hopeless'. Well indeed it was. The horse had been dead for one and a half hours," Mr Swift alleged.

The case continues today.



Mr Laurence Griffiths, vet allegedly involved in a plot.



Mr Bill Stubbs, the trainer accused of insurance fraud.

Taking Starlight to Germany



Friedrich Kurz at the purpose-built theatre in Bochum where he is staging Starlight Express (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

By Andrew Billen

The German impresario Friedrich Kurz, still angry at the critics' treatment of *Carrie*, the Royal Shakespeare Company's most expensive flop, found consolation yesterday in Bochum, West Germany, when he staged Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Starlight Express* in a purpose-built theatre in Bochum, West Germany.

He persuaded Bochum and the State Government of North Rhine Westphalia to spend £7.4 million to build the Starlighterhalle simply to house the show. It will be converted into an arts or conference centre, but only after the musical finishes its open-ended run.

Mr Kurz placed the blame for last month's Broadway closure of *Carrie*, after five nights on the *New York Times* critic, Frank Rich, whom he described as "the butcher of Broadway". Mr Kurz commented: "What he says goes — they follow him like lemmings."

He said bookings, which during previews had been growing to $30,000 to $40,000, slumped to $500 the day after Rich's review, which described the £4 million musical based on a Stephen King horror story as "an Anglo-American wreck". Mr Kurz, who funded the show's transfer from Britain to Broadway, said: "We could not continue". He refused to disclose his own losses, believed to run into millions of dollars.

His enthusiasm for the British musical remains undimmed. His production of *Cats* in Hamburg has been seen by a million people since it opened in 1986 and he plans to bring *The Phantom of the Opera* to Hamburg next summer.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

Winner to buy good armchair

Mr Peter Thompson, who has been out of work since being involved in a road accident four years ago, was joint winner of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio competition.

Mr Thompson, from Beckenham, Kent, who has been doing *The Times* Portfolio competition since it began, said: "I'm rather short of money. I lost a leg in the accident and don't get about very much. I spend a lot of time sitting around, so I'll get myself a really good armchair."

He shares the prize with Ms Barbara Tawlowska, a trainee architect from west London. "The holiday season is coming up so I might spend it then, or perhaps buy some architecture books. I've also had requests from lots of nephews and nieces", she said.

Yard man 'saw cache prepared'

A detective told a court yesterday he lay on the ground in a forest watching alleged IRA bombers preparing an arms and explosives cache.

Det Constable Tim Bewicke was part of an operation which led to the discovery last year of two terrorist arsenals near Manchester and the arrest of two Belfast men, Patrick McLaughlin and Liam McCotter.

He told the Central Criminal Court the two men drove into Macclesfield Forest on February 16 last year. He heard a digging sound and saw the two men. He returned three days later with an explosives expert to find three plastic dustbins containing arms, explosives and bomb components.

Mr McLaughlin, aged 40, of Glenalena, Ballymurphy Estate, Belfast, and Mr McCotter, aged 25, of Carrigart Avenue, Belfast, deny conspiring on and before February 19 last year to cause explosions in Britain.

Another Scotland Yard surveillance officer, Det Constable Michael Weir, said he and a woman officer keeping watch on Cemaes Bay, near Holyhead, Anglesey, past midnight on February 18 saw a car's headlights go on. The next moment the lights went out and a boat moved out to sea.

He said the car drove to a quay and the officers followed on foot. They saw Mr McLaughlin and Mr McCotter get out of a Capri car, load bags into the boot, and drive off.

The case continues today.

Sunday trade judgement for travel agents

The High Court is to rule on whether the legal ban on shops opening on Sunday extends to travel agents.

Two judges reserved judgement in a test case brought yesterday by Erewash Borough Council in Derbyshire against Ilkeston Consumer Co-operative Society for breaking the Shops Act by failing to close its travel agency section along with the rest of its department store in South Street, Ilkeston, on four Sundays in October 1985 and January 1986.

Ilkeston magistrates fined the Co-op £1,600, plus £400 costs.

In October 1986, Derby Crown Court allowed the Co-op's appeal and quashed the convictions on the basis that the travel agency did not come within the scope of the Sunday trading laws.

In the High Court, Erewash council asked Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Hutchison to overturn the crown court's ruling.

Wine sales up

Wine sales in Britain are expected to top a record one billion bottles this year, the Wine and Spirit Association said yesterday. Sales last year rose by almost 6.5 per cent.

Man posed as 'son of Khashoggi'

A penniless hotel night porter lived a life of luxury by posing as the illegitimate son of one the world's richest men, a court was told yesterday.

Mohammed Khashoggi ran up debts of tens of thousands of pounds living in luxury hotels by claiming to be the bastard son of Adnan Khashoggi the Arab financier. When he was arrested Mr Khashoggi, aged 26, was living in the £2,000-a-day Maharajah suite at the Mayfair Intercontinental hotel where he owed £12,732.

Mr Lindsay Burn told Southwark Crown Court: "This defendant had no money and persistently obtained and abused credit granted to him. He is an impostor representing that he is related to Mr Adnan Khashoggi. He is not related to him at all."

At the height of his fraud, Mr Burn said, Mr Khashoggi worked as a night porter at the London Lodge hotel in Lexham Gardens, Kensington, west London.

The court was told that Mr Khashoggi's true identity is in doubt. He is thought to have come to Britain on a Kenyan passport in 1985.

Mr Khashoggi denies seven sample charges of obtaining property by deception, four of obtaining services by deception, one charge of theft and two of obtaining a pecuniary advantage.

The hearing, expected to last eight weeks, continues today.

King's Fund Institute report

Variable medical standards criticized

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

British hospitals vary widely in the quality of treatment offered to patients and the number of avoidable deaths during and after surgery, a King's Fund Institute report says today.

The report says royal medical colleges should take the lead in introducing medical audits throughout the country to stop poor practices and inefficient treatment.

The institute also urges the Government to set up a research programme to evaluate the effectiveness of different treatments.

It says there are huge variations in the number of operations doctors perform and the cost and success of treatments.

"Patients stand a better chance of surviving surgery in some areas than others", it says. One survey had shown that 60 per cent of all deaths after surgery in one district health authority could have been avoided.

Although many of those differences can be attributed to varying demographic profiles and hospital provision, the report says there is also evidence that doctors may provide unnecessary or even detrimental treatment.

Medical audit, whereby doctors can compare their performance in terms of quality and cost-effectiveness, would put pressure on hospitals to improve their standards.

Reported Deaths and Operations

Region	Reported deaths	Operations	% avoidable deaths*
Northern	1,359	192,421	19.3
S Western	1,307	143,435	22.2
N E Thames	1,368	219,402	26.1

*Surgeons assessment

Dr Chris Ham, the institute's policy analyst and editor of the report, says there is also evidence of "significant variations in hospital lengths of stay for patients with the same condition".

The Confidential Inquiry into Perioperative Deaths (Cepod) published last year showed that up to 1,000 deaths a year might be due to errors of judgement by surgeons and anaesthetists. In the three regions studied, North East Thames, South Western and Northern, however, there were wide variations in the number of avoidable deaths in the month after surgery.

In one district in the South-west, more than 60 per cent of perioperative deaths were assessed by surgeons as being avoidable, compared with 5.6 per cent in another district in the same region. When the regions as a whole were compared, the surgeons decided that North East Thames had the worst performance (26.1 per cent of all deaths after surgery were considered to be avoidable) and Northern the best (19.3 per cent).

Dr Ham said existing performance indicators gave no information on outcomes of treatment.

If audits were to be effective, they had tobe backed by clear guidelines for clinical practice, which could be set by medical collages and specialist associations.

Health Care Variations: Assessing the Evidence (King's Fund Institute, 126 Albert Street, London NW1; £6.95).

Heiress feared for life after estate gift

By Mark Ellis

A wealthy heiress feared for her life and was forced to leave her home soon after giving her entire estate to her son's former mathematics teacher, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

Mrs Marjorie Ashfield, aged 69, who owns a Norfolk farming estate and a London property, saiddead calves were put near her doorstep and a bonfire party was held so close to her home that drainpipes and gutters melted in the heat. Mrs Ashfield disinherited her only son and made gifts of money and property worth millions of pounds to Mr Andrew Witham, aged 39, because she believed he was acting in her best interests.

He moved into her former home, Gelveston Hall in Norfolk, surrounded by her valuable antiques and family heirlooms, and she moved into a converted coach house in the grounds.

She is asking the Chancery Division of the High Court to set aside a partnership agreement and gifts to Mr Witham made over a six-year period, claiming they were done because of undue influence.

She said the once charming young and hardworking bachelor became bad-tempered and burst into rages after she had given away her fortunes.

He visited her and warned her of dire consequences if she mentioned his relationship with a gamekeeper, a Mr Michael Meredith. "Are you now saying Mr Witham is having a homosexual affair?", Mr Anthony Scrivener QC, for Mr Witham, asked.

"No. I am not up on these matters. They have always been very friendly and he has been with many boys in the area", she said.

A tenant's wife on the estate warned her not to join the regular shooting parties because she was in danger, and villagers told her Mr Witham and his gamekeepers wanted her out of the coach house at all costs.

After the bonfire party she was told by a solicitor: "It is essential you should get out because you are not safe".

Within days she was reconciled with her son John, whom she had not seen for four years, and felt it was her duty to get the estate back for him.

Mr Witham became friendly with the Ashfields in the early 1970s and was later invited to run a game farm on their estate. Fearing her son was not interested in the estate and as her marriage broke up, Mrs Ashfield relied increasingly on Mr Witham and showered him with gifts.

The partnership was under strain by 1982 and Mrs Ashfield said: "He was behaving in such an unusual way compared with the charming man I had known before. He got into rages which frightened and threatened me."

The case continues today.

Deaths of 517 builders 'avoidable'

By Andrew Morgan

An estimated 517 deaths caused by construction work in a five-year period could have been avoided through better management action, a report published yesterday by the Health and Safety Executive said.

The report, *Blackspot Construction*, published by the executive's accident prevention advisory unit, says most of the 739 deaths in the industry between 1981-85 were caused by a simple lack of planning.

Mr John Rimington, director general of the executive, said the document should be read by supervisors, "who all too often send them [workers] to their deaths".

Mr Remington said "sloppy practices" and poor management in some sectors of the construction industry were "endemic". Workers fell off ladders and scaffolding because simple precautions had not been taken to make them secure, buildings were demolished in a sequence likely to cause problems and people were subjected to fumes from petrol-driven equipment in confined spaces.

The report shows that most work-related fatalities occur during routine operations. Three-quarters of fatal accidents occur in the building sector of the industry, the rest in the civil engineering sector, such as road construction.

Falls were responsible for 383 deaths; the use of vehicles for 137; and electrical hazards for 34. In London alone there were 110 deaths.

Blackspot Construction (Stationery Office; £4).

'Drugs money laundered by company'

Cash from a multi-million pound international drug smuggling conspiracy was laundered through a Guernsey company called Goldfinger, a jury was told yesterday.

The alleged conspiracy was masterminded by a German, Mr Horst Ilseman, aged 43, who had set up the offshore company registered in St Peter Port, Mr Tim Preston, QC, for the prosecution, told Winchester Crown Court.

Mr Ilseman, Mr John Dixon, aged 30, of Layton Road, Parkstone, Dorset, and Mr Dennis Robinson, aged 52, of Watson's Avenue, St Albans, Hertfordshire, are accused of conspiring to smuggle cannabis into Britain, and to supply the drug to others.

Robinson is also accused of possessing heroin and with conspiring to smuggle drugs into Britain. Dixon is also accused of possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

The trial continues today. It is expected to last at least six weeks.

Budget tax cuts set to spark spending spree

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Budget tax cuts will start to appear in pay packets from tomorrow. The total increase in pay packets over the next week or two will be nearly £1 billion and retailers are expecting a substantial boost to consumer spending.

For the married man on average earnings of about £12,000 a year that could mean an extra £4.60 a week.

Higher earners will benefit more, with a married man on £40,000 gaining by £42 a week and someone on £70,000 by about £152. But higher taxation of benefits in kind will reduce these gains for those with a company car.

The first pay packet will contain back tax due since the beginning of the financial year on April 6.

Implementation of the tax cuts has to be postponed until well into the financial year because of the need to print and distribute to every employer in the country a new set of tax tables.

The main changes affecting pay packets will be the increases in allowances and cuts in rates. The single person's allowance and wife's earned income allowance have been raised by £180 to £2,605 and the married man's allowance by £300 to £4,095. Age allowances go up by £220 to £3,180 for single people and by £360 to £5,205 for married couples.

TAX CUTS

Income	Tax cut: Single persons	Married couples
£	£	£
4,000	76	55
5,000	96	99
7,000	136	139
9,000	176	179
12,000	236	239
16,000	316	319
20,000	396	399
30,000	1,708	1,018
40,000	2,321	2,164
50,000	4,140	3,914
70,000	8,140	7,914

The basic rate of income tax comes down from 27p in the pound to 25p, and the higher rates at 45 per cent, 50 per cent, 55 per cent and 60 per cent disappear leaving a single rate of 40 per cent.

The higher rate threshold goes up from £17,900 to £19,300.

Tax on company cars increases by between £120 and £253 a year.

● According to new research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, higher taxes on tobacco do not persuade smokers to give up smoking, only to spend less on the habit. Those least affected by the anti-smoking campaign are those who smoke most, the unemployed and manual workers. The proportion of smokers among the poorest 5 per cent of households has been rising.

Violence in the classroom

School guards mooted as a last resort

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Security guards might have to brought in to restore order in British schools unless urgent action is taken to stem a rising tide of violence and indiscipline, the National Union of Teachers said yesterday.

Mr Doug McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the union, said the first national poll of teachers' views on school discipline showed that 50 per cent of teachers believed that indiscipline had worsened over the past five years. Almost half said indiscipline was now a regular feature of school life.

More than a third of the 488 teachers questioned in the NOP poll said their classes had been "seriously interrupted" by unruly pupils.

As disclosed in *The Times* yesterday, the poll's overall conclusion is that bad behaviour in the classroom is a greater threat to good order in schools than acts of actual violence. However, Mr McAvoy said that in America security guards had been sent to some schools to tackle a breakdown of discipline.

"If we do not deal with the problem, there must be every possibility of taking measures like that. If it can happen in one civilized country, there is no reason why it cannot happen here."

One in five of the teachers questioned said there had been physical assaults on teachers in their schools, and one in 14 said they had been attacked or threatened in the past 12 months.

A quarter of the teachers had suffered verbal abuse from pupils in the past year, while one in 12 said they had been verbally abused by parents.

The poll will form the basis of the union's submission to the Government's committee of inquiry into classroom discipline headed by Lord Elton.

Mr McAvoy said parents would have to shoulder more responsibility for their children's behaviour. However, he rejected any return to corporal punishment.

"We do not believe that would solve the problem. We have to remove the cause, not punish the offender with a beating", he said.

Mr Malcolm Horne, president of the union, urged the Government to provide extra funding to train teachers in coping with disruptive pupils.

'Imperialist books dumped on Third World'

By Andrew Billen

Mr Natwar Singh, India's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, fiercely attacked publishers for dumping imperialist books on developing countries, at the opening session of the twenty-third International Publishers Association Congress in London yesterday.

The theme of the Congress is book hunger, but Mr Singh said that the developing world was not prepared to satisfy it at any price. Much of what was published was trash, he said, and publishing imperialism continued long after colonialism had disappeared.

"Developing countries are used as dumping grounds by the advanced publishing countries. Even in instructional literature, history text books continue to project the imperialistic and colonial mentality. It is not yet fully realized that the imperial heroes of Britain, France, Spain and Portugal are not the heroes of India, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and the Caribbean."

Dr Fredrico Mayor, director general of UNESCO, announced that strengthening local book production and dismantling barriers to the international circulation of books would be key elements in the coming decade for cultural development and the 1990 International Literacy Year.

He proposed a study of cheap production and distribution methods, and said that positive incentives to publishing could combat book piracy by making it less lucrative.

Piracy, in which books are illegally copied and sold, and the need for tough copyright laws, was a major preoccupation of the Congress yesterday.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead compared the provision of books without copyright laws to trying to treat famine by plucking out seed corn from the earth.

Mr Wang Meng, China's Minister for Culture, promised that his country would join international copyright conventions.

Piracy in the Third World is now a huge illegal industry making massive profits, said Mr Wole Soyinka, Nigeria's Nobel prize-winning author. A member of Nigeria's Publishers Association, who was a campaigner against piracy, had been kidnapped by the piracy mafia. Mr Soyinka accused some Nigerian government ministers of conniving in the illegal industry.

Mr Johan Somerwil, president of the International Publishers Association, warned that new technology was making piracy easier. A "reading pen" had been invented in America that could scan a book and reset it in a different type.

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Prisoners held

Two of the three prisoners who escaped after the Haverigg Prison riot in Cumbria last week were recaptured yesterday. Police found Michael Humphreys and Malcolm Hamilton in a house at Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

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Big business is set to boom on Wimbledon's fringes

By Howard Foster and John Goodbody

The fortress-like All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, with its concrete and barbed-wire perimeter walls, is under siege by an "army", complete with tents and provisions, ready to breach the defences of one of the most exclusive events in the social calendar.

From the opening of Wimbledon Fortnight next Monday, up to 15 unofficial companies involved in the wining and dining of thousands of business clients will be setting up camp in car parks, sports fields and even possibly back gardens, all unable to operate within the All England Club itself.

This burgeoning industry has an estimated annual turnover of £500 million from big British sporting events, and has helped to push up Wimbledon ticket prices by removing several thousand from the black market-place.

The number of these firms appearing at the 1988 Wimbledon tournament is larger than ever, and the pressure to supply tickets to important clients months in advance can cause considerable problems. Guests at one unofficial hospitality company threw themselves on the mercy of the All-England Club last year after tickets failed to materialize.

Mr Chris Gorringe, chief executive of the All-England Club, said: "We get tired of people coming to us after being let down by the unofficial corporate hospitality firms. These firms operate totally outside our organization.

"The sad thing is that none of the money these people are taking goes back into the game of tennis. After costs, our takings go back into the game."

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One of Britain's bigger advertising agencies confesses to misgivings about using the services of one unofficial hospitality company that put its guests in a marquee in the back garden of a residential area last year. Neighbours made plain their objections.

A senior executive for the agency said: "We had a million pounds' worth of clients and there we were feeling that at any moment the neighbours might start causing a fuss. It is not something we would take a chance on again."

The most publicized corporate hospitality débâcle recently involved a company called Maceworth. It failed to provide tickets for almost 400 clients who paid £285 each to watch the England v Wales Rugby Union international at Twickenham, with refreshments.

Maceworth, which has run a hospitality event at Wimbledon before, told *The Times* that "other commitments" prevented the company from providing a service this year.

One company, which has used its own detached house close to the All-England Club, is expected to entertain 1,200 clients at a local sports ground provided by Merton Borough Council this year.

Mr Marcus Evans, managing director of Associated Promotions, angered neighbours by allowing his clients to use the gardens of his house in Somerset Road. The council supported the neighbours' objections but, to defuse the situation in 1988, it offered land in Wimbledon Park as an interim measure.

The only hospitality company to benefit from allocations of tickets sold at face value direct from the All-England Club is Keith Prowse, which caters for a large number of foreign visitors. However, it is not allowed within the gates of the club, pitching its tents in park land across the road.

It is the aim of the larger unauthorized hospitality firms to displace Keith Prowse or, at the very least, to persuade the club to part with some of its face-value tickets to bring down the price of hospitality for the client.

Mr Charles Wheeler, of Business Entertainment Services, said: "We wrote to the club and asked if we could have a specified number of public ballot tickets on the basis that we would pay money into a fund to be used for British tennis.

"The club said that it had to be seen to be letting the public have tickets. We need hundreds of tickets and we have to pay the inflated prices just like anyone else. If the Americans come over, they will pay anything. The more of us there are, the more we have to pay."

Old Masters bound for storage



Mr Emil Bosshard, chief conservator of the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection, removing the Holbein portrait of Henry VIII at the Royal Academy at the end of the exhibition of Old Masters, *which attracted record crowds* for a show of its size. Mrs Margaret Thatcher has supported moves to have the entire collection, valued at £780 million, housed permanently in Britain. The exhibition was sponsored by *The Times*.

Tinners fight influx of US rubbish

By a Staff Reporter

Cornwall's ancient stannary laws are to be invoked in an attempt to block plans to dump domestic waste from the United States in former mine workings.

Protesters plan to "bound" the site in the traditional Cornish manner, by piling stones at each corner to show that they intend to work the land for tin.

The stannary parliament, which was adjourned in 1753 before being revived in 1974, claims it has the right to reject Westminster legislation that conflicts with Cornish mining interests.

A Boston-based company, Power, Water and Waste, is seeking a licence to tip waste from the US at a former copper mine near Redruth, now used for the disposal of tailings from tin workings.

Fallow land bonus finds few backers

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Government plans for paying farmers not to grow crops, to reduce food surpluses, are unlikely to find favour with conservationists or farming organizations when they are published later this month.

Conservationists believe an opportunity is being missed to make permanent environmental improvements and to reduce the conflict between modern intensive farming methods and the wellbeing of wildlife and the countryside.

Farmers and landowners say that, unless compensation is set much higher than so far indicated, large producers will not be tempted, and the effect on overall production will be minimal.

Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, has insisted that reducing surplus production, particularly of grain, should not be confused with encouraging farmers to use less intensive methods in designated environmentally sensitive areas and to manage sites of special scientific interest.

Nor should it be related to the grants it is making available for woodland planting and for such diversification schemes as the provision of rural workshops and tourist facilities. That has left farmers confused.

In the hope of reducing the confusion while staying in line with Britain's EEC partners, the Government intends to keep its "set-aside" scheme simple. Farmers will be offered payments to leave at least 20 per cent of land fallow for a minimum five years. Fields could left unplanted or grass strips could be created across them or around borders, making for easy monitoring of land left fallow.

The Game Conservancy believes that might inhibit wildlife. It wants pesticide spraying reduced around the edges of fields to stimulate growth of harmless weeds, wildflowers and insects.

The European Commission wants governments to be free to make set-aside payments of between £28 and £160 an acre. The ministry has suggested £60 to £80.

National Trust denies museum-making role

By John Young

The chairman of the National Trust, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, has defended the organization against claims that the trust is intent on turning its historic houses into museums and destroying all traces of family occupation.

"The one thing we love is to keep layer upon layer of family possessions, right down to the smallest knick-knacks", she said. "The trouble is that many of the houses given to us are left with virtually no possessions."

Lord Belmore recently complained that the National Trust destroyed the mood of his home at Castle Coole in Northern Ireland, saying that self-styled experts had painted the hall in "Germolene pink".

Yesterday, Dame Jennifer said there were dozens of examples where the trust had been at pains to keep everything exactly as it was. One was Chartwell, where Churchill's study and the dining room were filled with such items as flowers and newspapers.

At Sissinghurst, many of Vita Sackville-West's possessions remained exactly where they had been in her lifetime. "Her study is one of the most evocative rooms one could ever hope to find."

Among many other examples of a "lived-in" atmosphere were Lanhydrock in Cornwall; Cragside in Northumberland; and the homes of the Marquess of Anglesey at Plâs Newydd, and Lord Egremont at Petworth House, West Sussex.

"Of course there are a lot of constraints on living in a National Trust house", Dame Jennifer said. "They have to get used to crowds of visitors, burglar alarms and all that sort of thing."The original donor invariably enjoyed good relations with the trust, but members of the second or third generation sometimes felt resentful.

Mr Nigel Nicholson, who still lives in his parents'former home at Sissinghurst, said the trust had never been insensitive. "Our relationship has been wholly amicable", he said. "The whole place benefits enormously from its care and expertise."

Stores 'lost £9m from protest bomb attacks'

Three firebomb attacks on Debenham stores, said to have been carried out by Animal Liberation Front activists, cost almost £9million in damage and loss of trade, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Incendiary devices were planted in the firm's stores in Harrow in north-west London, Luton, Bedfordshire, and Romford, east London, all timed to go off just after or on July 12 last year.

"Damage to buildings and stock was in excess of £4 million and consequential loss of trading and profit opportunities was a further £4.5 million", Mr Victor Temple, for the prosecution, said.

He alleged Geoffrey Shepherd and Andrew Clarke were caught making similar incendiary devices when anti-terrorist squad officers raided Mr Shepherd's bed-sitter in Tottenham, north London, two months later.

He said both men were "committed members of the ALF who are prepared to advance the cause of their organization by criminal means including the use of sophisticated incendiary devices".

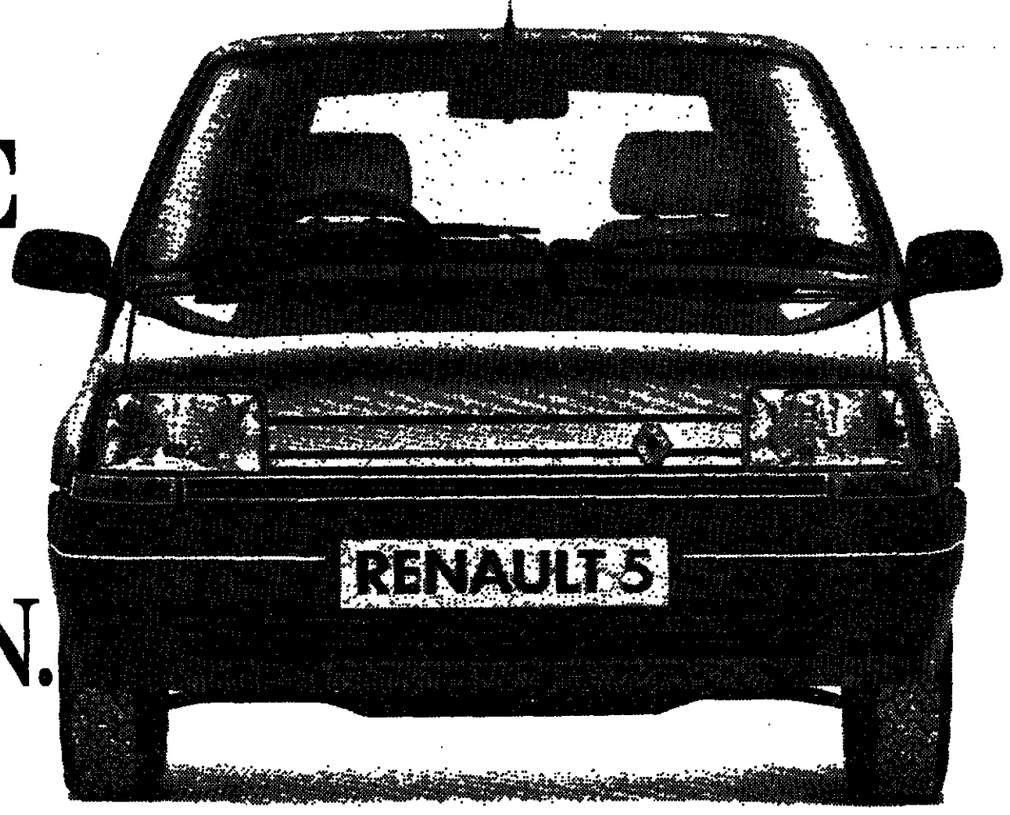
Mr Shepherd, aged 30, of Hillside Road, and Clarke, aged 25, of Alfonxton Avenue, both Tottenham, deny three charges of arson at Debenham branches at Harrow, Luton, and Romford last July.

Mr Shepherd denies conspiring with persons unknown to destroy or damage property by fire.

The trial continues today.

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Search for compromise as French voters steer nation towards middle-of-the-road government

Hung Parliament puts ball back in Mitterrand's court

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The French political parties, whether on the left or the right, spent yesterday discussing their future strategies in the light of Sunday's parliamentary election, which gave France a hung Parliament for the first time in 30 years.

The Socialists' final total of 276 seats was just five more than that of the conservative alliance, but failed to reach the 289 needed for an absolute majority.

Overall the electorate have favoured the left and centre-right over the hardline right and the National Front. The Rassemblement pour la République (RPR) of M Jacques Chirac, the former Prime Minister, was reduced from 158 seats in the outgoing Parliament to 128 seats now.

M Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front has been reduced from 35 seats to a mere one. The more moderate Union pour la Démocratie Française (UDF) lost only two seats, and with 130 this time around is better representated than M Chirca's party.

Yesterday they were considering breaking away from the conservative alliance altogether and forming a distinct parliamentary group. This would give them the independence to co-operate with the Socialists if they wished.

The Socialists could govern in alliance with the suprising 27 seats gained by the Communists, but politically that would be seen as a misinterpretation of the electorate's desire for a middle-of-the-road government.

What sort of government could emerge over the next weeks and months is the question being asked. Several of the prominent names associated with the UDF, such as M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and M Raymond Barre, have made statements which do not rule out some form of government participation.

Even M Chirac has said that, while remaining in opposition, he will not systematically block the Government.

All eyes are now on President Mitterrand to see how he will resolve this impasse. The present Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, could well hand in his resignation tomorrow but is expected to continue in office at least until the National Assembly reassembles next week.

Traditionally, a new Prime Minister presents his programme to Parliament for a vote of confidence. Tacit centre-right support would be enough to get the Socialists through until the autumn, when the political scenario should become clearer and names of those on the right of centre willing to serve in the Government could emerge.

Voters have made it clear that they prefer M Mitterrand's presidential election promises to be a President for all the French people and create a broad-spectrum government, to his actions directly after his election when he dissolved Parliament to give himself a working Socialist majority.

They have also demonstrated that, while they were willing use a vote for M Le Pen in presidential elections as a protest vote to castigate other candidates, they are extremely reluctant to elect a National Front deputy as a constituency's sole representative in Parliament.

The 1986 general elections — based on proportional representation — put 35 National Front deputies in Parliament. This time the first past the post system has reduced their presence to one. M Le Pen's hopes that he and his chief lieutenants would still get back into Parliament if they stood in the Marseilles districts, where his presidential score was high, were dashed.

In each of the eight districts where National Front people were the only right-wing candidates standing, about 5 per cent of the first-round right-wing vote switched to the Socialists.

Many had foreseen that the Communists, the big losers in the presidential elections, would suffer a similar fate. That they won 27 seats, only eight fewer than last time, is due to the dedication of Communist voters who did not follow the general abstention trend and to the fact that 10 of those elected were the only candidate left in their constituency at the second round. This was the result of a between-rounds agreement with the Socialists whereby each party's weaker candidate would retire in favour of the stronger.

General fatigue with voting is only a partial explanation of the high abstention rate. M Michel Brulé, the head of the BVA opinion poll organization, says the blame must be put on certain politicians whose contradictory statements have made a nonsense out of French politics.

"The President calls elections stating that it is not good for the country to be governed by one party. M Raymond Barre, who has consistently stood out against *cohabitation* between a left-wing President and right-wing government, now says he agrees with both sides working together. The conservative right publicly express distaste for the National Front, but concluded an agreement with them in Marseilles.

"For years," he adds, "the one thing the French care about is that their children should have jobs — but unemployment has continued to rise."

There are several combinations of co-operation between the centre-right and the Socialists that could emerge in trying to form a government.

An opinion poll published yesterday shows that the majority of voters would like to see the involvement of the centre-right in some form in a broad Socialist government.

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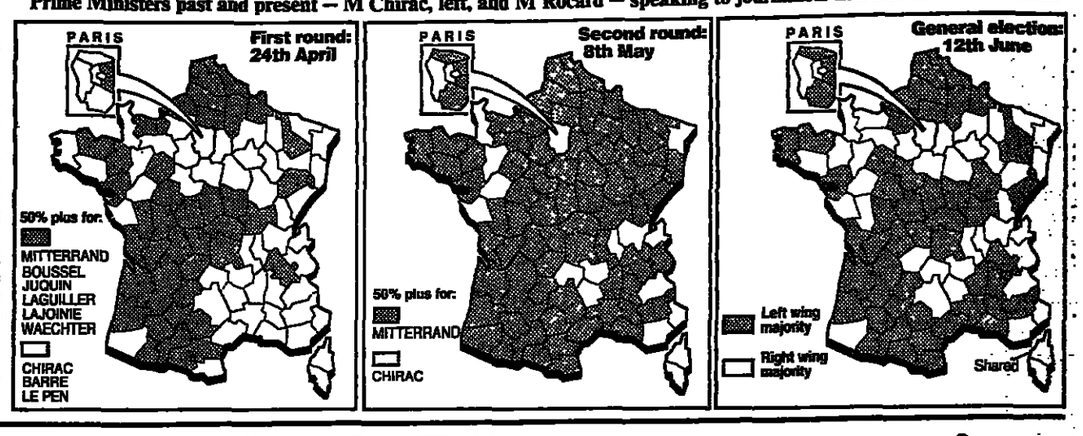
FRENCH ELECTION RESULT

LEFT		RIGHT	
Socialists and allies	276	URC and allies	271
Communists	27	National Front	1
TOTAL	303	TOTAL	272

Absolute majority: 289 seats. Abstentions: 30.11 per cent.
Two seats in French Polynesia will be contested on Sunday.



Prime Ministers past and present — M Chirac, left, and M Rocard — speaking to journalists in Paris about the results.



WORLD ROUNDUP

UK carpets Iran for Gulf attack

As heavy fighting resumed in the Gulf War, Britain yesterday protested to Iran over the attack on a British-flagged tanker in the Gulf on Saturday (Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes).

Mr Mohammmad Mehdi Akhoond Zadeh Basti, the Iranian Chargé d'Affaires, was called to the Foreign Office to receive a dressing down by Mr Robertson Young, head of the Middle East department, over damage to the 258,979-tonne Esso Demetia. The Foreign Office said the attack by two Revolutionary Guard speedboats off the Saudi Arabian coast was a "serious violation of international law".

In the Gulf War, Iran launched a new offensive early yesterday in an attempt to recapture territory in south-eastern Iraq which was lost three weeks ago. The Iranian news agency, IRNA, said fierce battles were under way in the Shalamcheh area, east of Basra.

Kremlin-Vatican link

Moscow (Reuter) — Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday opened a tentative dialogue with the Vatican by meeting a senior papal representative, but both of them ruled out the possibility of an imminent visit by the Pope to the Soviet Union. Prior to receiving Cardinal Agostino Casaroli in the Kremlin, the Soviet leader said that "many things have yet to happen" before he invited the Pope to Moscow. Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, added: "We have big plans. The time will come. Now we will talk about this with Casaroli."

The cardinal said after the hour-long talks that Mr Gorbachov had not invited the Pope to Moscow, nor had the Pope asked the Soviet leader to the Vatican. He said that the main achievement of the meeting was that a dialogue had been established, but it was too early to speak of diplomatic relations.

Pledge to Aborigines

Sydney (AP) — Mr Bob Hawke, Australia's Prime Minister, told a ceremony of 6,000 Aborigines that his Government was committed to signing a treaty with Australia's original inhabitants that would reconcile 200 years of grievances spawned by white settlement. Mr Hawke said he wanted the treaty in place by mid-1990, and offered to provide funding for a draft agreement that the Government could consider.

He was presented with a list of demands, which amount to the first formal statement of claim by Aborigines. It called for aboriginal self-management, permanent control of ancestral lands, compensation, a national elected Aboriginal body to oversee black affairs, recognition of tribal law and a national system of land rights.

Job losses 'inevitable'

Peking (Reuter) — Nearly 25 per cent of China's urban workforce is superfluous, and unemployment is inevitable and good for the economy, the official press said yesterday in an unprecedented attack on the concept of jobs for all. The *People's Daily* claimed that up to 30 million of the total urban labour force of 130 million had nothing to do and passed time at work playing poker or chess, watching television or racing on bicycles.

It said that this army of the underemployed cost the state up to 60 billion yuan (£8.9 billion) a year in wages and benefits, equal to half of what the Treasury received in taxes and profits from state-owned industries. Gross overstaffing led to low efficiency and made for a nation of slackers.

Peru guerrilla held

Lima (Reuter) — Peruvian police have captured the second-in-command of the country's Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas. Señor Agustín Mantilla, Deputy Interior Minister, announced that Roberto Osman Morote Barrionuevo, known as "Comrade Remigio," had been arrested at a house near the presidential palace.

Morote, aged 42, was carrying false identification but dental records had identified him as the deputy of the mysterious Sendero leader, Abimael Guzman. Diplomats said that if the prisoner was Morote, the arrest would be the biggest blow to the group since government forces killed more than 260 convicted guerrillas while putting down a prison mutiny in 1986.

Reshuffle in Norway

Oslo — In a Cabinet reshuffle yesterday, Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, maintained strong female representation in her Labour minority Government and prepared for next year's general election with a more pro-EEC stance (A Correspondent writes).

Mrs Brundtland's supporters, however, fear that her new team will be unable to improve the Labour Party's fortunes before the September, 1989, poll. Support has fallen from 45 per cent to 25 per cent, and an election today would give a majority for the Conservative parties.

Bonn bangs the drum for EEC monetary union

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

West Germany yesterday put the controversial issue of European monetary union firmly at the top of the agenda for the EEC summit at Hanover in two weeks' time.



The move by Bonn, at final pre-summit meetings here of Community foreign and finance ministers, was designed to keep up the momentum towards a single European market in 1992.

Officials from West Germany, which hands over the EEC chair at the end of the month to Greece, said that there had to be urgent progress on issues such as the free flow of capital across frontiers and the eventual creation of a European central bank to control the money supply in an integrated Europe.

At the finance ministers' meeting yesterday, the French raised objections to a draft directive on cross-border flow of capital, saying that it would increase opportunities for tax evasion and make it virtually impossible for tax inspectors to control fraud.

M Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, put forward a compromise under which the EEC would harmonize tax rates for savings and portfolios to help minimize abuses, together with an emergency clause permitting states to reimpose currency controls if a national crisis arose.

Officials said that this compromise provided the basis for a breakthrough and ministers agreed to avoid handing the issue over to the summit. But Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, criticized France's stance, saying that there "could be no linkage between capital movements and fiscal harmonization". Questions also remain over the timing of the directive, with France and Denmark insisting the time must be allowed for effective measures against tax avoidance.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, urged his EEC counterparts to accept that the next step in the 1992 programme was monetary union, leading ultimately to a common currency — the Ecu (European Currency Unit), at the moment a notional currency only — and a European central bank, with the liberalization of capital movements as an essential first step.

But officials said that a further obstacle to Bonn's drive for monetary union was continued resistance by Mrs Thatcher to Community pressure for sterling to become a full member of the European Monetary System. Sources said that the EMS issue could become "explosive" if Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, who will chair the Hanover summit, pressed the Prime Minister to bring the pound into the system.

Herr Kohl said in Frankfurt that the creation of a European central bank was a long-term goal, but desirable if monetary union were to take place. In a comment which is likely to add to British anxieties, he suggested that the Bundesbank, the West German central bank, offered a model for the proposed European bank because of its "dedication to monetary stability, its independence and its decentralized structure".

Britain is concerned that a European monetary system would be dominated by the Bundesbank and the powerful Deutschemark.

West German officials said that Bonn's drive for monetary union partly stemmed from a fear that the Greeks would lack commitment to the 1992 goal.

Under the proposed capital movements directive, Greece, and three other states — Portugal, Spain and Ireland — would be exempted for the time being because of their weak economies.

EEC agriculture ministers yesterday resumed their debate here on this year's farm price freeze. It has been agreed in principle, but Britain and a number of other countries are seeking to ease the blow for their farmers through devaluations of the "green" currencies used to calculate EEC agricultural trade.

● **Hungarian deal:** In a further sign of East-West rapprochement in Europe, the EEC yesterday agreed to negotiate with Hungary to lift all import quotas for Hungarian goods by the end of 1995, the first such concession made by the Community to a member of Comecon.

An historic treaty between the EEC and Comecon will be signed here on June 25. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said the move toward free trade with Budapest opened up "a political opportunity", and was a "welcoming signal" by the EEC to Mr Karoly Grosz, who succeeded the long serving Mr Janos Kadar as Hungarian Prime Minister and party leader last month.

Israel banishes US citizen for campaign against occupation

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

As the cost of the Palestinian uprising is beginning to bite, Mr Mubarak Awad, an American citizen and a leading exponent of economic sanctions against the Israeli occupation, was finally deported yesterday to the United States.

He left, four hours late, on a TWA flight after refusing to travel on El Al, the Israeli national airline.

The authorities gave in to Mr Awad rather than risk another scene with a man who has been increasingly troublesome since he returned in 1983 to Jerusalem, his birthplace, to campaign through non-violent means for an end to Israeli occupation.

Those means included measures like refusing to pay tax, cutting telephone lines, boycotting Israeli goods and even burning crops. These ideas have been taken up by the illegal underground leadership of the uprising which, in its leaflets, has been urging Palestinians to follow them.

In a letter to his supporters on leaving, Mr Awad promised that his work would continue after his enforced departure. "We must show that we are able to resolve our conflict through peaceful means," he wrote. He believed in "a two state solution with open borders. The earlier that Palestinians and Israelis recognize that the less suffering, hatred and death, the more productive life we will have."

"We have to learn to take the risk for peace and accept the challenges that are set before us. It would be unfair and cowardly on our part to postpone our conflict for the next generation."

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, who signed the deportation order, expressed satisfaction at Mr Awad's departure. "There was no reason to leave in the country a man who is here illegally and at the same time is acting against our order and security," he said. "We have no other alternative."

Mr Shamir, who was touring a Tel Aviv factory, promised that the Army would continue to react "swiftly and aggressively" against troublemakers. Referring to the fact that three petrol bombs were thrown from a rooftop in the heart of Tel Aviv on Sunday evening, he said this was proof that the Arabs were not only bent on recovering the territories. "The conflict is one for our survival," he said.

Although the number of violent demonstrations have tailed off recently, the Army showed again yesterday that it was ready to fire first and ask questions later.

A 43-year-old man was shot and killed by a patrol searching the village of Abwein, north of Ramallah. A military spokesman said the man refused to stop when ordered to do so. His family said he was deaf and could never have heard an order.

Two other Arabs, an 18-year-old refugee from Jericho and a 21-year-old from Jenin, were killed on Sunday. The man from Jenin, whose body was found with a sub-machine gun and other weapons, was said to have been wanted by security forces.

Meanwhile, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, and Mr Ariel Sharon, the Trade and Industry Minister, have urged civilians to shoot to kill if they see anyone trying to throw petrol bombs.

Ministers have also been calling for much tougher penalties to deter Arab arsonists who are believed to have caused many of the recent forest and pastureland fires which destroyed more than 20,000 acres last month. A number of Arabs have been arrested for arson and are said to have confessed to the crime, which was suggested in the latest leaflet published by the leadership of the uprising.

Arson is causing extensive damage and adding to the economic problems caused by the unrest. Farmers, who have been hard hit by a series of heatwaves, are calling on the Treasury for funds to compensate them for the damage.

Tourism is the most obvious casualty of the unrest. Sixteen European airlines from six countries have so far cancelled 407 charter flights, due to carry 60,000 people.

Hotel occupancy is, in consequence, well down. Last year a record 1,518,000 tourists spent £880 million in Israel. Since March, however, the numbers coming have been falling by 12 per cent a month and forward reservations are getting fewer and fewer. The Jerusalem Hotels Association expects a 40 per cent drop in income this summer, despite give-away price package holidays.

It is too early to say what the effect of the unrest will be on important industries like construction and agriculture, which rely heavily on Arab labour from the territories. Numerous strikes and curfews have cut the average number of workers by 30 per cent and made it difficult to manage businesses efficiently, to harvest crops and to meet target dates.

The strikes have also meant there is hardly any money available in the territories, which are Israel's largest export market. Coupled with the fact that Arabs now try to boycott Israeli goods, this has led to a drop in turnover which is eating into profits.

The Government, too, is losing money because many Arabs have been withholding taxes. Although there has been a recent clampdown on this, the strikes and shop closures have left many without enough money to pay the tax even if they want to.

The economy in the territories has declined by an estimated 25 per cent. At the same time, the Defence Ministry has just announced that it needs a supplementary budget of 412 million shekels (£150 million) to meet the extra cost of security. That figure does not take into account the disruption caused by the extra military service reservists are having to do.

The unrest began just as the Israeli economy was showing signs of a boom. A growth rate of around 4 per cent in the national wealth had been predicted, but this is now expected to be cut by 1 per cent.

There is also a knock-on effect on the budget for extra money spent on defence. The health service is already strike-bound because of lack of cash. Some 60,000 civil servants are due to go on strike today over pay, to be followed shortly by 130,000 more. Extra cash for defence will make settling these grievances all the more difficult.

● **WASHINGTON:** Mr Marlin Fitzwater yesterday reiterated the White House's opposition to the deportation of Mr Awad, and said it was "unjustifiable" to deny him the right to live in Jerusalem (Mohsin Ali writes).

The White House spokesman said: "The Israeli Government stated that a basic consideration in issuing the deportation order was that Mr Awad's activities harm security and public order. If he acted illegally, he should have been charged and tried in a court."

Jerusalem — El Al announced yesterday that it faces losses of $11 million (£6 million) this year because of business lost through the Palestinian unrest (Ian Murray writes). The airline made its gloomy predictions complaining that it is only carrying 70 per cent of its expected number of passengers and that next year threatens to be even worse.

Aids warning for US

'Victim every five minutes' by 1993

From Thomson Prentice, Stockholm

Every 10 minutes or so someone in the United States is diagnosed as having Aids. If expert predictions are accurate, such individual tragedies will be recorded every five minutes in America by the end of 1992.

In Europe the intervals will be longer, the number of casualties smaller, but comparable disasters will strike London, Paris, Rome and Madrid two years or so from now, an international conference on the disease was told yesterday. About 15 new cases a week are being logged in Britain, 25 a week in Spain, 26 a week in Italy and 33 a week in France, the delegates heard.

There have now been more than 65,000 cases in the United States, including 15,000 who died last year and 28,000 new sufferers identified in 1987. "That is the equivalent of one new diagnosis every 14 minutes last year," Dr James Curran of the US Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, said. Between a million and 1.5 million other Americans are believed to be infected by the human immuno-deficiency virus.

According to Dr Curran's latest projections, 41,000 new cases will emerge this year and by 1992 the total of sufferers in America will reach 365,000. So far, about half of all Aids patients in the United States have died.

The chilling forecast might have been dismissed more easily as exaggeration if evidence presented yesterday had not confirmed the predictions of several years ago as being 98 per cent accurate.

"I'm getting tired of making these projections," Dr Curran told the conference. "I'm getting particularly tired of them turning out to be right."

The US epidemic is taking its heaviest toll among black and Hispanic adults and children, largely due to spread of infection through intravenous drug abuse. Addicts, their sexual partners, and their babies are being infected. Surveys show that between 20 per cent and 50 per cent of homosexual men in many US cities are now infected. "More and more women are getting Aids through heterosexual contact," Dr Curran said. "Heterosexual transmission will be increasingly important in the next few years, without the explosive increases that were seen among gay men and drug abusers in the early 1980s."

In Europe almost 13,000 cases have now been reported, with a 115 per cent increase since March of last year.

The number of patients is doubling every 11 months and is now predicted to reach 56,400 by December, 1989.

"The impact of Aids in the main European capitals will be comparable in two years' time to what it now is in the US," Dr Jean Baptiste Brunet, of the World Health Organization, said yesterday.

As in America, European trends reveal large increases among drug abusers, especially in Italy, Spain and southern France, with more cases emerging among women and adults under 30.

Sir Donald Acheson, the British Government's Chief Medical Officer, said informally yesterday that young British adults must be aware of the risks of infection while travelling in Europe. "It must be remembered that in some parts of Europe there are many more heterosexually infected people than there are in the UK," he said.

Daunting as all the statistics seemed yesterday, they may well be dwarfed by the evidence slowly coming out of Africa, where the true number of Aids casualties could already have passed 100,000, according to some experts.

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Italy's antiquated Communist Party seeks the elixir of youth

From Roger Boyes
Rome

The Italian Communist Party, confused and disheartened by recent election losses, yesterday shed its ageing secretary-general, Signor Alessandro Natta, and made brave new sounds about the coming Roman *perestroika*.

Signor Natta, who suffered a heart attack last April, sent an amiable letter of resignation to the party leadership which gathered yesterday in Rome's Communist headquarters. The meeting was chaired by Signor Achille Ochetto, who is certain to succeed the 70-year-old Signor Natta. Providing that Signor Natta recovers his health, he will probably be elected president of the party, a largely symbolic function.

Unlike its sister party in the Soviet Union, there is no real leadership struggle yet in the Italian party. Most aspirants to high party office are waiting for Signor Ochetto to make his first big mistakes.

A collapse in the Communist vote at the local council elections last month has been blamed, in an internal report, on the poor mobilization of the electorate (a criticism of local party managers) and on a peeling off of the youth vote. Many young Italians appear to see the Communists (at least in Communist-run provinces and cities) as part of the hidebound Establishment and gave their votes to the Greens or Socialists.

The party — the biggest Communist Party in Western Europe — faces a crucial choice. It can accept the report at face value and decide that the electoral loss was simply an image problem.

That would entail having more second-league rock stars to *Unità* barbecues, more party-sponsored discothèques and, in general, more of the same (this time with feeling). Alternatively, as Signor Ochetto's most serious rival, Dr Giorgio Napolitano, would argue, the poll losses are a symptom of something more dangerous, close identification of the Italian Communists with all that is unpleasant in the international movement.

As Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has adjusted Soviet foreign policy, so the points of differences between Moscow and the Italian Communists have shrivelled. The Soviet presence in Afghanistan, for example, was a matter of constant rebuke from the Italian Communists and, in its way, a vote-catcher, for it demonstrated that the party was a party of principle. Now Moscow's moves are wrong-footing the Italians on foreign policy.

Signor Napolitano would like the Italian party to enter the mainstream of West European social democracy, but that requires more openness within the party. Changes in party statutes in 1983 loosened the tighter reins of "democratic centralism" — controversial decisions are now referred to the Central Committee rather than quietly patched up.

But the younger rank and file crave the oxygen of open debate to revive the party. At 54, Signor Ochetto, the soon-to-be new leader is neither young nor old; he is a functionary who would like to win a few elections. The next hurdle comes in a month in another round of provincial elections. That is too soon for radical changes but early enough for blame to be pinned on Signor Ochetto's leadership, should there be significant losses.

For all Italian Communist Party leaders there is also an unspoken paradox. The weaker the party becomes, the closer it comes to power. Only a few percentage points now separate the Communists, the second largest party in Italy, from the Socialists, the third largest.

Should the Socialists overtake the Communists, or even nudge them, then Signor Bettino Craxi, their ambitious leader, could consider putting together a centre-left coalition government dominated, of course, by himself.

There is still a strong body of opinion in the Communist Party that would prefer another four decades of opposition to partnership with Signor Craxi, who is not the easiest of men. But a taste of power, a glamorous ministry or two, would do wonders for the youth vote.

Tambo justifies the use of violence to end apartheid

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Oliver Tambo, the president of the African National Congress, yesterday dismissed suggestions that his organization should abandon the use of violence in response to Pretoria's partial reforms, and called instead for a "final push" to force an end to apartheid.

"The South Africans would call it a total onslaught," he said in London yesterday. "The armed struggle is part of our struggle and must be part of this push."

The ANC's refusal to renounce violence has cost it support among white liberal opinion in South Africa and led Mrs Thatcher to call it a terrorist organization. After abolishing many of the restrictions most resented by South African blacks, Pretoria hoped for a reduction in violence.

But Mr Tambo replied: "We know of no precedent where there was a unilateral cessation of hostilities before negotiations were started. Who has been waging armed struggle against us since 1948? We cannot be going bare-breasted in this situation."

But Mr Tambo said the increased violence would not involve indiscriminate killing. "We ought to be very careful about where we explode bombs, and 99 per cent of the time we are. It is known that we have weapons and (one might think) that we would be going into houses shooting people.

"We don't (do so), because we are guided by certain principles. Our struggle must not be reckless, it must not be uncontrolled, but we must influence a situation which brings closer the collapse of the regime.

"I think that if the situation got ugly enough, there would be very strong (white) pressure on the Government to talk to the ANC."

He was asked about remarks made by leaders of the ANC's military wing, Umkonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation) in an interview with *The Times* last week. They wanted to take the war more visibly to the white community.

Mr Tambo replied: "I cannot imagine anyone is saying that we should go shooting our way into white suburbs and killing whites because they are whites. But if, for example ... we attack police stations which are in white suburbs, that would draw the attention of the white community to what is happening."

He said the ANC did not regard ordinary whites as soldiers, even if they and their families kept guns at home and were trained to use them. One of the main aims of the offensive, he said, was "to persuade the whites that this should be a perpetually worsening crisis".

But Mr Tambo made it clear that he thought it would take a combination of heightened conflict and an increase in international trade sanctions to make Pretoria seek talks with the ANC. The obstacle was Mrs Thatcher's refusal to accept further sanctions. "She has been so firm and so solid and everything (she has said) has operated to protect South Africa. If she moved ... everything would move," he said.

Mr Tambo's remarks came at the end of a week in which the ANC has used the 70th birthday of its imprisoned leader, Nelson Mandela, to launch an unusually successful information offensive in Britain and other countries.

But in South Africa itself the black leader who has achieved the most publicity in calling for Mr Mandela's release has been Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, president of the Zulu Inkatha movement and Chief Minister of KwaZulu.

Relations between them have long been uneasy, but yesterday Mr Tambo attacked him in unusually strong terms. "He has allowed himself to be used by the regime in a remarkable way. He says all the things that they say, he takes all the positions they are taking, which leads the majority of our people to see him as something apart.

"He started very well ... but then it drifted, and he has become very remote now." He said that the split followed a meeting between the two men in London, although it had appeared to go well at the time. He compared Chief Buthelezi with Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who served as Prime Minister of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia in 1979.

"From the London meeting he (Chief Buthelezi) went off at a tangent and has never turned back and has become very useful to the regime and may have been seen by the regime as a future Muzorewa," he said. "He continues to say he is opposed to apartheid ... (and yet) he continues to make speeches against the ANC."

Mr Tambo also spoke of a split between the Foreign Office and Downing Street on the Government's attitude towards the ANC.

Asked about Mrs Thatcher's comment at a press conference at the Commonwealth heads of government conference in Vancouver last October that the ANC was a terrorist organization comparable with the IRA, he said: "I don't think that the Foreign Office shares common ground with the Prime Minister on the question of who and what the ANC is."

He hoped she was speaking off the cuff, and questioned whether she would repeat the remark now.

He has met Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, but not Mrs Thatcher. She said the Government would not talk to the ANC and that when Sir Geoffrey did so he was acting in his capacity as president of the European Community. But Mr Tambo said: "I was meeting Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary; I was not interested in what suit he was wearing."

Johannesburg (Reuter) — The South African Government has tightened restrictions on Mr Govan Mbeki of the banned ANC, who was released from prison last year but barred from speaking publicly, his lawyer said yesterday. In addition to existing curbs, he cannot be with more than 10 people at a time.

Turkish leader welcomed to Athens



Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, left, welcoming Mr Turgut Ozal, his Turkish opposite number, who arrived in Athens yesterday for a meeting to try to resolve their countries' differences, particularly over Cyprus. Meanwhile, Greek-Cypriot women, below, blocked the gates of the Acropolis for several hours in protest at Mr Ozal's visit.

Ozal fights shy of quick concessions

From Mario Modiano, Vouliagmeni, Greece

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, had a word of advice for the Greeks on his arrival here yesterday. "We have to be patient," he urged. Greek-Turkish problems could not be resolved "with a single stroke of the sword, like the Gordian knot".

As he spoke to the press in this heavily-protected seaside resort some 16 miles from Athens, a group of militant Greek-Cypriot women protested against his visit by locking arms at the entrance to the Acropolis. Their action prevented tourists from getting in, or those inside from getting out, for several hours.

Their demonstration was one of several staged in the Greek capital to express hostility to the Greek-Turkish reconciliation process that has brought Mr Ozal to Greece for the first visit by a Turkish head of Government since 1952.

Mr Ozal, who is accompanied by about 170 officials, parliamentarians, businessmen and journalists, was met at Athens airport by Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, and some of his ministers.

It was a low-key reception. A guard of honour of Greek commandos presented arms and a brass band struck up "Hail to the Chief!", muffling cries of "Shame!" from behind the parapet that protected the red-carpeted tarmac.

A few Turkish flags were in evidence, as well as a vast number of security men, special forces, sniffer dogs and low-flying army helicopter patrols. The Prime Ministers were whisked off in a bullet-proof limousine to this secluded beach complex, where every oleander bush conceals a security man sweltering in temperatures close to 100° F.

Mr Ozal, looking fit after his heart check up in the United States last week, said in his arrival statement that he was confident that during his 48-hour visit Mr Papandreou and he would "continue to advance together on the task of peace".

His talks with the Greek Prime Minister began later in the evening.

"We have come here with the best of intentions," Mr Ozal said.

Some Greeks and Greek-Cypriots would have preferred a gesture of Turkish goodwill, such as the withdrawal of a token number of that country's troops from Cyprus.

A senior Greek official confided that perhaps two weeks ago Mr Ozal would have been prepared to pull out 10,000 of the 29,000 soldiers deployed in northern Cyprus. "But there has been so much talk about it on the Greek side that if he did so now, he would appear to be acting under pressure — the last thing a Turkish Prime Minister would want to do."

Mr Ozal, alluding to these hopes of a withdrawal, said: "We must be reasonable in our expectations ... Steps taken with short-sighted calculations will in no way serve the interest of either side."

It was clear that if anything positive were to emerge from the summit it would be thanks only to what a Greek diplomat called the "chemistry" between the two Prime Ministers. "I'm afraid that politics and diplomacy have done all they could," he added.

Hopes fade for the Sharpeville Six

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The chances of saving the five black men and one black woman, known as the Sharpeville Six, from the gallows were fading rapidly yesterday after a Supreme Court judge in Pretoria turned down their application to have their case reopened to hear fresh evidence not admitted at their trial three years ago.

Mr Prakash Diar, a lawyer representing the six, told reporters in the ornate Palace of Justice after the judge's decision: "I don't have much hope really. We will not give up the fight till the last. I have a little hope, but I am not confident."

After handing down his judgement, Judge W. J. Human, who was the judge in the trial of the six, refused leave to appeal against his decision not to reopen the case on the grounds that there was "no reasonable prospect" that such an appeal would succeed.

Defence lawyers then said the six would exercise their right to petition the Chief Justice of South Africa within 21 days to overrule the judge and allow them to put their case for a reopening of their trial to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, the court of final appeal.

The judge granted a further stay of execution until July 19, but said he would only extend the stay further if the Chief Justice was still considering his response by that date, and the need for extra time was not due to any "negligence" on the part of the defence.

If the petition to the Chief Justice fails — and most legal experts here consider that likely — then the only recourse will be for the six once again to throw themselves on the mercy of President Botha.

The judge maintained he had no "inherent jurisdiction" to reopen the trial after the Appellate Division had upheld the original verdict. He rejected as "frivolous and absurd" the defence argument that they should be allowed to re-examine a state witness alleged to have perjured himself after being assaulted by the police.

The judge also described as "unconvincing" the reasons given by the defence for not being able to provide him with evidence of the alleged perjury during the trial.

He rejected the defence submission that there was prima facie evidence of "systematic intimidation and procuring of false testimony" by the police.

The six were sentenced to death on December 13, 1985, for their alleged part in a mob killing on September 3, 1984, in Sharpeville.

Libya ban on maids for 'peace'

Beirut (Reuter) — Libya has banned housemaids, most divorces, and the manufacture of nuclear weapons in a charter for world peace.

The official news agency Jana, monitored here, announced a 27-point human rights document Libya hopes will lead to a world without wars and terrorism.

It quoted Colonel Gadaffi as saying he would join Amnesty International and urge the worldwide abolition of capital punishment.

Fish permits

Buenos Aires (AFP) — Britain has issued 78 permits allowing Japanese boats to fish in the economic zone surrounding the Falkland Islands — more than to any other country.

Gas award

Seoul (AFP) — A South Korean court ordered the Government to pay £13,600 to a student who lost an eye when hit by a police tear-gas shell.

Book banned

Peking (Reuter) — A publisher was told not to print *Golden Lotus*, a bawdy novel from the Ming dynasty, although explicit scenes were deleted.

Salvage delay

Amsterdam (Reuter) — Bad weather delayed the salvage of a Dutch tanker leaking toxic chemicals in the North Sea.

City flooded

Calcutta (Reuter) — Eight inches of rain in four days has flooded much of the city. More rain is forecast.

Ghosts of heroic past haunt Lebanon

No final rest for Lady Hester

From Robert Fisk, Deir el Qamar, central Lebanon

A few weeks ago the director of the International Red Cross in west Beirut approached the British Ambassador to Lebanon and asked him, very politely, if he would like to have Lady Hester Stanhope's skull. The offer was diplomatically refused and thus, perhaps, ended another chapter in the life and death of old Lebanon.

Lady Hester, as she was affectionately known to generations of long-departed British residents here, was the rather dotty niece of William Pitt, a Kentish lady of not inconsiderable wealth who spent much of her life wandering the Orient before dying in penury in the Chouf mountains in 1839, suitably revered by the local Druze as a prophetess. In safer days gone by, the wives of British ambassadors would spend the occasional Sunday tending Lady Hester's lichen-covered tomb in the hills east of Sidon.

Alas, no more. Local residents — who tend to be male, bearded and enamoured of a prophetic inspiration that has more to do with Iran than memories of empire — have chosen to neglect the grave and, just as the British have gone, so has most of Lady Hester. Vandals, who exist in Lebanon as they do elsewhere, have broken into her cracked tomb and left little but her skull; which is why the Red Cross vainly asked the British Ambassador if he would like to have this one last memento of the great lady.

History in Lebanon, which has a way of exalting the dead to a place they could never have attained in life, has been somewhat kinder to Lady Hester's equally wealthy but equally unlucky contemporary, His Eminence the Emir Bashir Shehab. He lies now, alongside his wife and just a few miles from Lady Hester's skull, beneath a stone cupola in the shade of five tall cypress trees only 20 yards from his great palace at Beit ed-Din.

And there is nothing broken or ruinous about the Emir's former home. Mr Walid Jumblatt, ever one to honour the ancestry of his Druze people, has not only maintained the arcades, galleries and domes of this masterpiece of Oriental architecture, but has turned one wing into a museum. True, he has named it after Rashid Karami, the Sunni Prime Minister who was murdered last year and who also attained a glory in death which he never possessed in life, but it is the Emir's ghost which haunts the passageways and trickling fountains, all guarded by young men holding Kalashnikov rifles.

It was the Emir's fate to rule over an almost independent Lebanon for 30 years, an achievement which was not without its small betrayals; for in order to secure the support of the Christian clergy he secretly became a Maronite and then unwisely allied himself with the Egyptian Pasha Mehmet Ali against the Turks.

A year after Lady Hester's death, however, Europe decided to protect the Ottoman empire and it was the British who handed the Emir over to the Turks. Bashir Shehab ended his days like Lady Hester, in exile and poverty, a virtual prisoner in Turkey whence his ashes were only restored to Lebanon in 1948. Ultimately, it was the French who had to save the Christians of Lebanon and it is the French whose history, if in somewhat elliptical fashion, has survived in the Chouf.

There is in the Karami museum, for example, the very first Lebanese flag, the green cedar tree stitched on to the inverted red and white tricolour, the handwritten signatures of the 1943 Lebanese Cabinet scrawled on to the lower left-hand corner, their Covenant of French manufacture, their independence ultimately guaranteed by de Gaulle's military withdrawal in 1946.

And it is de Gaulle's face, his nose grotesquely elongated, which stares at the visitor approaching the walls of the Mar Moussa museum at Deir el Qamar, just across the valley from the Emir's palace. Mr Moussa — he is a Christian who still lives in this Ruritanian edifice — says he was prompted by a dream of peace to build his castle 40 years ago; and there it really is, baked by the sun, complete with moat and iron drawbridge, the cold face of Napoleon sharing the wall with de Gaulle.

"£250," Mr Moussa's son demands when we cross the drawbridge, and there, inside, is one of the most extraordinary scenes in Lebanon. Life size, perfect in their costume, papier-mâché and plaster casts of Lebanese village folk recreate the Lebanon that might have been but never was. A robed Maronite priest sits upon a donkey, a Sunni pours coffee, a Shia prelate reads the Koran, a caparisoned Druze woman bakes bread, a Greek Orthodox smokes a hubble-bubble pipe, all within a few yards of each other.

Just 40p it costs for the boy to turn a switch — and they all move. The hubble-bubble bubbles, the corn-grinding stones turn, the coffee pot pours, the sewing machine sews. These Lebanese work together, coexist in silent harmony, plaster smiles fixed.

But in Mr Moussa's castle courtyard the grim clues to this dream are all written from the scriptures, carved on to living stone. "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation," its says on one white rock. "And a house divided against a house falleth."

Beirut (Reuter) — Muslim gunmen wounded 17 revellers when they raided a restaurant in the Amirieh area south of Tyre, where people were dancing and drinking despite a ban on alcohol. At least 25 gunmen, believed to be pro-Iranian militants, ransacked the restaurant, smashing furniture and musical instruments. Three people were hit by bullets and 14 were struck by flying glass.

Japan doubles its aid to disarm Western critics

From Brian Robins, Tokyo

Japan's Cabinet is today expected to approve a new development assistance programme, which may exceed $50 billion over a five-year period.

The revised aid scheme will form an important part of Japan's attempts to deflect international criticism over its trade surplus at the Toronto summit meeting of Western leaders later this month.

The Third World debt crisis is likely to be the main topic at the summit. Moves have recently been made by France and West Germany to write off some of the repayment owed by their poorest debtors.

Leaders attending the summit may press Japan to follow suit, especially since its concentration on official lending programmes is causing difficulties for several developing countries that borrowed in yen, well before the currency began to appreciate against the US dollar.

Japan's new aid plan would represent a near-doubling of its official assistance outlays which, during the five years to 1987, reached $27 billion (about £15 billion).

Increasing the aid programme has been the subject of discussion and negotiation between the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the latter seeking to boost aid to the level of 0.40 per cent of GNP. In 1986 it was 0.27 per cent.

Under the proposal, to be considered by the Cabinet today, it is intended that aid will rise to 0.35 per cent of GNP by 1992. At this level, it would be broadly in line with the assistance programmes of most of the other developed countries.

This effective doubling will not be as difficult as it might appear, thanks to the appreciation of the yen against the US dollar. In yen terms, the projected increase will be far less, although it is yet to be specified.

Of greater importance for recipient countries is a relaxation of the traditionally tight conditions attached to Japanese aid, which has often been tied to the use of Japanese equipment or work carried out by Japanese companies, with only a minor element of grant aid.

Most other developed countries include a high portion of grant aid, and most of the loan assistance is unconditional.

It is likely that Japan will begin to relax some of these elements, although how far it will go is still unclear. Government officials concede the need for improvements, but details may have to wait until Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Prime Minister, informs other summit leaders.



Mr Takeshita: Aid reforms to be aired at summit.

Japan is expected to increase the grant element of its assistance to the poorest countries, but to what level is not yet known.

The specific proposal to be considered by the Cabinet is the raising of Japan's aid budgets to more than $50 billion for the five-year period between 1988 and 1992. This will involve average provisions of $10 billion a year in developing country assistance.

One issue yet to be clarified is what will happen to Japan's plan to recycle $20 billion of its trade surplus, which was announced in 1987.

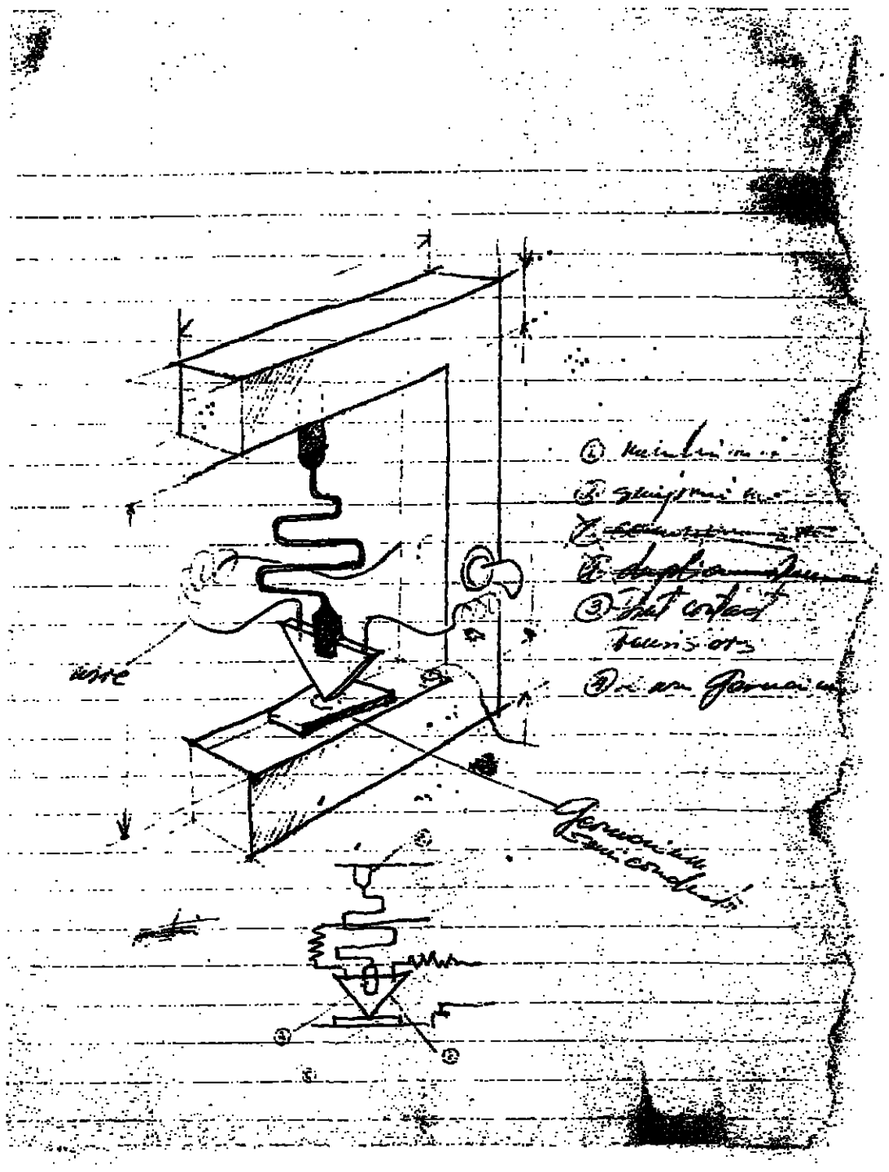
That promise was to be carried out over a three-year period. Much of the funding for this programme has been provided through concessional lending, available through Japan's Export-Import Bank, along with some lending by other government agencies.

That $20 billion programme followed a $10 billion commitment given in 1986 as Japan's total financial support for poor countries, including special lending for the International Monetary Fund.

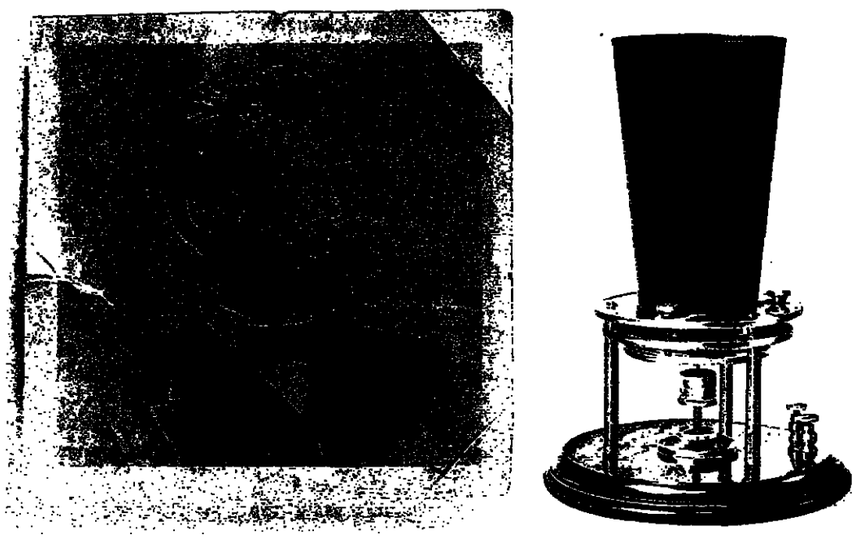
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In yen terms, however, there has been little change in the overall budget allocation.

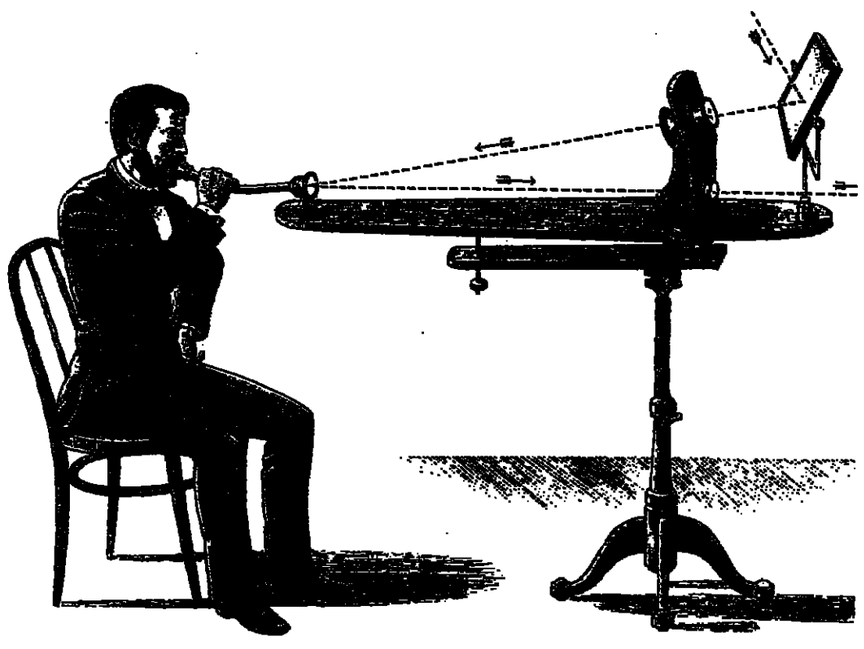
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Clowes case investigator to be named

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced in the House of Lords that he has ordered an inquiry headed by an independent person of standing to investigate his department's handling of the affairs of Barlow Clowes, the investment company.

When questioned by peers he said he suspected "these sort of things" would happen from time to time. The Government's job was to ensure they happened as infrequently as possible.

He said that the House would be aware of the extensive recent publicity surrounding the affairs of Mr Peter Clowes and companies in the Barlow Clowes Group.

"In view of the public concern on this matter it is right that I should inform the House of the situation and of the action that the Government is taking.

"There are many companies involved here. Those most in the public eye have been Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers Limited, a UK investment management company, and Barlow Clowes International Limited, a similar company registered in Gibraltar. The holding company of the group is James Ferguson Holdings plc.

"Investigators were appointed in November last year under Section 106 of the Financial Services Act, 1986, to examine the affairs of Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers Limited.

"The interim report of the investigators has been received and formed the basis for the winding up petition of that company. The Official Receiver has been appointed Provisional Liquidator, and special managers of its assets have been appointed at the instance of the Securities and Investments Board.

"My department is in close touch with the special managers who have been at the company's premises over the weekend. Mr Clowes has been co-operating during this period with the special managers.

"At present, it cannot be said with any certainty what the return to creditors will be. Papers have been passed to the Serious Fraud Office, and investigations are being carried out by the police.

"On Friday of last week, the Section 106 inspectors, Mr David Ziman, a solicitor, and Mr Walter Hoffman, an accountant, were appointed under Section 432 of the Companies Act, 1985, to look into the affairs of James Ferguson Holdings plc. This will in turn enable the affairs of all that company's subsidiaries to be looked at.

"The Gibraltar company, Barlow Clowes International Limited, is being wound up at the instance of the holding company, under the supervision of the Gibraltar courts. The joint liquidators are two British firms, Cork Gully (who are special managers of Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers Limited in the UK) and Ernst and Whinney.

"Public concern has been expressed about the role of my department in relation to these companies.

"I have decided that this should be examined objectively and independently and I shall appoint an independent person of standing to investigate and report to me as soon as possible on the facts of the department's handling of the matter. Subject to there being no legal impediment, either as to content or to timing, I would propose to publish that report.

"Meanwhile, it will be of interest to the House to know of the earlier decisions taken in relation to these companies. In 1984, the department approached the Barlow Clowes partnership to establish whether they should be licensed under the Prevention of Fraud (Investment) Act, 1958.

"Rumours about the partnership were subsequently reported by the National Association of Securities Dealers and Investment Managers.

"After pressure from the department the partnership applied for a licence and in October 1985, after prolonged negotiation and the receipt of assurances, a licence was granted.

In October 1986 it was renewed. In October 1987, in the light of dissatisfaction by the department with the monitoring returns from Barlow Clowes, and of other information, it was decided to appoint investigators. The company's licence was renewed while this investigation was in progress.

"The main priority at present must be to safeguard as far as possible the interests of investors. I cannot at present comment on the amounts which may be at stake or on the position of individual investors.

"I am sure, however, that the liquidators in London and Gibraltar will seek to resolve the situation as quickly as possible in the interests of the investors. I shall make a further statement when I am in a position to do so."

Lord Williams of Elvel, chief Opposition trade and industry spokesman in the Lords, said that Labour peers welcomed the frankness with which Lord Young announced an objective and independent inquiry into his own department.

Who did Lord Young have in mind to head the inquiry? Would they have all possible access to papers and could people give evidence under oath?

The reference to the Serious Fraud Office was welcome and he hoped the police would be successful in unravelling the series of transactions involved.

"For the moment we will suspend judgement on the question of the role of the DTI in the matter until we hear further from Lord Young."

Has the Government in mind any compensation for those investors who have perhaps lost their money as a result of fraudulent practice?

"We regard this as another sleazy operation licensed by the DTI operating through various tax havens and perhaps even failing to distinguish between clients' funds and its own funds."

Lord Young said that he hoped to be in a position to announce the head of the inquiry very soon.

There would be no procedures for examining witnesses under oath. But both he and his permanent secretary (Sir Brian Hayes) would instruct the department's officials to co-operate fully.

"This is an inquiry to determine the facts of what happened within the department; to determine whether the department is to blame in any way; and whether procedures could be improved in the future."

It was far too early to talk about compensation.

Labour attack on DTI's 'years of gullibility'

MPs on all sides expressed concern for the investors of Barlow Clowes after Lord Young of Graffham's statement on the failed investment company was repeated in the Commons by Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State, Trade and Industry.

Mr Anthony Blair, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, welcomed the appointment of an independent investigator into the DTI's handling of the matter, but said that such trenchant action was in stark contrast with the years of gullibility and incompetence which preceded it.

Would the minister ensure that the report was completed as quickly as possible so that lessons could be learnt? He understood that the minister could not pre-judge its conclusions, but would he at least agree on the issues that must be addressed?

Up until March 1985, the company's main activity had been bond-washing, which was a tax dodge with gilt-edged stock. That should have set the alarm bells ringing. Its DTI licence was looked upon by others as a Government clean bill of health.

How was the licence re-issued in October 1986 and October 1987? It was only in November 1987 that investigators were appointed. What were the warnings given by the watchdog body and why were these ignored by the SIB?

He contrasted the Government's harrying of social security claimants with its attitude to what went on in the City of London.

The most important thing now was to do the best for the investors, many of whom were retired people or those who had sunk their redundancy payments into this company. They had been encouraged by the Government to put money in the City.

It was now vital that the Government, the parent company and the liquidators should consider arrangements for restitution so that those who had worked hard to build up these funds did not have them dissipated by greed and worse in the City.

Mr Maude said he was grateful for Mr Blair's welcome for the Government's trenchant action. He could not pre-judge the outcome of the investigations, but he could reassure Mr Blair that the sort of questions he had outlined would be covered by the investigations.

He confirmed that the interests of the investors were of the highest priority and everything possible would be done to safeguard them.

Sir Peter Emery (Honiton, C) sought assurances for the investors, especially those who had used the quarterly income received in their retirement.

Was it correct that the liquidators had taken control of £51.5 million? If those funds were sufficient to cover all the claims, would the minister ensure that they were met as quickly as possible?

Mr Maude said that Sir Peter



Mr Blair: The investors must be helped

would not expect him to comment in detail on what the position would be. This was an exceptionally tangled matter. It would not be helpful for him to speculate on the likely outcome.

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab) said that £130 million was missing. It was one thing to issue a licence and another to re-issue a licence after investigation.

If a licence was re-issued, how did he expect the ordinary investing public to do other than regard it as a sign of absolute confidence in the company?

The DTI had a large measure of responsibility here. How did the minister intend to implement that responsibility?

Mr Maude said that Mr Sheldon had made certain assumptions, which he (Mr Maude) could not possibly confirm or deny. It would not be possible to announce conclusions for a little while yet.

There had been no re-issue of the licence after investigation. Inspectors had been appointed under the Financial Services Act in October 1987 and, after their report had been received, in April 1988, moves had been made swiftly to proceed to the winding up of the company.

Mr Timothy Smith (Beaconsfield, C) said that there was a contrast to be made between the powers available to the minister under the Prevention of Fraud Act and those that had only just come in under the Financial Services Act.

Would the minister confirm that if the investigation showed that the department had failed to carry out its statutory duties there was precedent for paying compensation to the investors?

Mr Maude said that the Financial Service Act gave the regulatory authorities power to move more quickly, powers that did not exist under the previous regime.

If the department was found to have failed to carry out its statutory duty, it would be liable in law for damages. "But I make no sort of pre-judgement on that."

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) said that after nine years of free law for financial "spivs", things like this were bound to happen.

Could the inquiry be extended to look at the circumstance of Gibraltar as a financial "offshore island".

Mr Maude said that Mr Rooker's first comment did his case no good.

He could not say whether the investigation would look at the generalities of regulation in Gibraltar.

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) said that this raised the most serious questions about Government and DTI supervision of the regulatory process of the investment market as well as about some of the practices by the operators within that market.

The main concern of the investing public must be in the integrity of the market as a whole. They would be concerned that this was yet another example of the stable door being closed after the horse had bolted.

Mr Maude said that no one in the position of a regulatory authority could ever give an absolute guarantee that all investment companies were safe. Under the previous regime, the powers were limited and were not available in as wide a range to deal with situations of this kind. For that reason the Government had extended them.

Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said that he was sure that he was not the only MP with constituents with savings invested in Barlow Clowes enterprises who were fearful of losing them.

They wanted to know as soon as possible what the real situation was and how it affected them. The minister had said that it was a tangled matter requiring some time to resolve. How long was "some time"?

Mr Maude said that he could not put a time on it. It did not lie in his hands but with the special managers and regulators.

Mr Robin Maxwell Hyslop (Tiverton, C) asked for a positive assurance that the internal investigation would not be used as an excuse to grant immunity from disciplinary action if it was found that some had failed to carry out their duties properly.

Mr Maude: I can confirm that.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, C) said that this was another case of a city scrounger being caught in a tangled net. Why was it after warnings two years ago, licences had been allowed? If somebody had claimed DHHS benefit of £20 a week the chances were they would have have been hounded within a month.

Instead of wasting two years, why had he not used the power of sequestration as used against the miners. "If they can hound the NUM and follow the money half way round the world, why can't you do the same for Mr Clowes?"

Mr Maude: The powers of sequestration only follow in the case of contempt of court and no such contempt exists in this case. The Government had provided them in the Financial Services Act.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C) said that this was a shocking and disturbing story with implications potentially worse than the Guinness saga. It revealed that unsophisticated civil servants, even with increased power of legislation, did not act in time to save honest investors.

Mr Maude said that he could not comment of detailed aspects.



Mr Bryan Gould (right) receiving a 3,000-signature petition at the Commons yesterday in support of the Horses, Ponies and Donkeys Bill from Mr Ernest Clark, of the Hopefield Sanctuary in North Benfleet, Essex. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Help for home-owners demanded

Subsidence 'huge problem'

MINING

The problem of coalmining subsidence was so bad in north Nottinghamshire that it was the greatest issue of all for many home-owners, **Mr Alan Meale** (Mansfield, Lab) said when he opened a debate on subsidence.

He moved a motion that any public body or organization involved in coal mining should be required to take steps to prevent subsidence damage and to promote public awareness of any workings that might give rise to such damage.

The motion also said that owners of property damaged by subsidence should be entitled to have it repaired or to compensation, without time limit.

It finally called for an independent arbitration procedure to resolve any disputes that might arise over compensation for subsidence damage.

Mr Meale said that the Government had accepted the importance of adequate protection from subsidence damage, but had said that a balance had to be struck between benefits and additional costs.

That was contrary to the spirit of the Waddilove report on the subject.

He asked the Government to investigate a rumour that British Coal intended to mine into the coal pillar on which the centre of Mansfield rested.

It was outrageous and nonsense that British Coal should feel that because damage had ocurred six years or more after coal mining ceased they should not be responsible.

He understood that when this six-year rule had been challenged in the courts it had not been upheld, but the Government still felt it was an appropriate rule. There should be no time limit.

He referred to several constituency cases, includine one where coal mining subsidence had caused cracked ceilings, unlevel floors, twisted window frames, huge cracks in walls inside and outside.

In another case, the property was in a condition that was dangerous both to its occupants and to local residents.

He was disappointed that the Government declined to support the concept of a local or regional arbitration service.

It was a major error to rely on home owners' right to a reference to the Lands Tribunal.

In the past few years two cases in Leicester and Mansfield had been won against the board, one for £14,000 and one for £15,000. Both cases took four years and cost £100,000 to £150,000.

These cases were not different from very many that preceded them. A much more practical, humane and cheaper approach would be an independent arbitration service.

Was it the Government's intention to accept the recommendation of the Waddilove report that capital expenditure allocations to local authorities should take account of additional expenditure incurred because of substantial subsidence damage in the area?

The cost of structural repairs outstanding on council housing stock in his constituency was at least £1 million covering hundreds of homes.

This was a matter of public concern, particularly in Mansfield where there were now hundreds of homes damaged, businesses awaiting compensation, and some schools and hospitals closed.

Mr Andrew Mitchell (Gedling, C) underlined the need to keep subsidence to a minimum. He said that a balance had to be struck between subsidence and the need to get the coal.

The need was for a neither costly nor cumbersome procedure. There was an absolute necessity to do right by those affected by subsidence.

There was some evidence of progress in that the number of claims was down a third on what it was three years ago. In Nottinghamshire, claims were being handled more quickly than last year.

Out of last year's 4,000 claims, two thirds had been agreed and the backlog should be cleared by the end of 1989.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab) said that he would plead with the minister not to give an immediate answer but to understand that these were cases that needed to be looked at on an individual basis.

Over the past few years British Coal had been becoming a great deal more mean and restrictive in the way it dealt with these problems.

There was pressure from the top to make the whole business more restrictive.

Prisoners 'must be saved'

An emergency debate on South Africa in the light of recent measures by the regime there and the refusal of a new trial for the Sharpeville Six was sought by **Mr David Winnick** (Walsall North, Lab). The application was rejected by the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill).

Mr Winnick said that the British Government should take immediate and effective economic measures, such as sanctions, against the South African apartheid police state.

It was necessary for Britain and the United States and other Western governments to ensure the maximum amount of protest on the case of the Sharpeville Six, whose lives were once again on danger.

Ministers happy to talk on investment

The Government is more than willing to discuss with the National Union of Mineworkers the possibility of getting greater private investment into the coal industry, **Mr Michael Spicer**, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said during question time.

He said that the Department of Energy was always willing to respond to requests for meetings from trade unions, but none had been received from the NUM.

Mr Martin Redmond (Don Valley, Lab): If he gets a request from the NUM, will he agree to such a meeting and discuss with them the Government's privatization plans?

Mr Spicer: He talks about privatization plans, but there are no plans to privatize the coal industry before the next general election. We are, however, looking at the possibility for a greater role for private capital in the industry.

If the NUM wishes to discuss that, and the prospects it might make for more jobs, we are more than willing to discuss it.

Earlier, Labour MPs shouted "Scab" when Mr Spicer said that the Government regularly met members of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

The minister retorted that the UDM represented a large proportion of the British Coal workforce.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): If Mr Spicer meets officials of the UDM will he tell them that they were used by the board (of British Coal) and the Government during the strike.

They were promised roses all the way after it, for combining with the Tory Government.

Will he say why it was necessary for British Coal to shut pits in Nottinghamshire? In other words, they say to those who formed the bosses' union: "We will use you when it suits us and drop you when it suits us and sack you in the process".

Mr Spicer: It is unlikely that I shall say very much of that if I meet them, but the UDM, far from being a bosses' union, have been extremely tough, not in debating politics, but the conditions of their members."

Reagan visit cost £14,600

The visit paid by President Reagan to Britain on June 2 cost the British Government about £14,600, the **Prime Minister** said in a Commons written reply.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) asked the total cost of the visit and what official gifts were given to the President.

Mrs Thatcher said that since the President had come as a "special visitor", rather than as a guest of the Government, the Americans had been responsible for most of the costs. She said nothing of any gifts to President Reagan.

Devonport will remain our largest yard, MPs are told

DEFENCE

The strategic requirement of the Royal Navy for emergency refit capacity would be kept under review and would not be allowed to fall below the defence requirement in event of crisis, **Mr Timothy Sainsbury**, Under Secretary for Defence Procurement, said.

He was answering questions about the announcement on Friday of further redundancies at Devonport dockyard, Plymouth.

He said that the commerical managers of the yard had then announced that there would be 1,500 further reductions in jobs available there, in addition to the 1,400 already announced, bringing the total to 3,300 by April 1990.

"I very much regret the need for these job losses and appreciate the potential impact on the local economy."

He understood that DML (Devonport Management Ltd) intended to make maximum use of voluntary redundancy consistent with the balance of skills and trades necessary. The number of compulsory redundancies would be kept to a minimum.

"Plymouth will remain a major base and Devonport our largest yard for the foreseeable future."

Mr Martin O'Neill, an Opposition defence spokesman, who had asked for the statement, said that they now knew that the anticipated 6,000 job losses by 1990 would become 7,000. There was cynicism and bitterness in the local community.

Chase Manhattan had been advising clients to buy shares in the Weir Group, one of the consortium members, primarily because a £300,000 investment was to bring a profit of £1 million, increasing to £2 million by 1990.

Instead of handing out money it would be better to develop the yard for work in the commercial sector. It was shameful that 7,000 jobs should be sacrificed in this way to Tory ideology.

Mr Sainsbury said that he understood the concern among those employed there, but they would be encouraged by what DML had said about stabilizing jobs at 7,000.

The job losses were not a consequence of commercial management but of changes necessary on reducing the naval workload, and represented increasing efficiency and productivity in the dockyard. The average time spent by a naval vessel in refit now had gone down from 20 per cent – one day in five in refitting – to 12 per cent. He expected to see further reductions.



Dr Owen: House has been consistently misled

Mr Robert Hicks (South East Cornwall, C) said that they recognized that refits were less frequent and took a shorter time, but he asked for an assurance that they could service the Royal Navy in times of national emergency.

Mr Sainsbury replied that they kept the strategic capacity for refit under review and would not let it fall below requirements in times of crisis. The facilities there represented substantial surge capacity.

Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, SDP) said that he hoped that sub-committees of the House and the audit commission would look at how ministers had consistently misled the House about redundancies in Plymouth Devonport.

Would he do for Plymouth what his own ministry had done for Chatham dockyard when that had been closed? More jobs had been lost in Plymouth than in Chatham.

Would he make available land for the industry and look at the whole question of freeing South Yard? Plymouth desperately needed industrial land in order to attract new industry into the area.

Would he hold discussions within the Government to ensure that Plymouth was given enterprise status and extra help to meet this very severe blow to its economy and in particular with the ancient dockyard buildings? It needed Ministry of Defence commitment to help the Plymouth economy.

Mr Sainsbury said that the Government recognized that it would be helpful to the local economy if more land were made available. Two central sites had been released. Job-creation schemes were being considered.

He understood that the company would be ready to present the results of its study into South Yard shortly.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C) asked if provision would be made for redundant dockyard workers to be put on a reservist scheme so that if it became necessary to expand capacity at short notice, as for the Falklands war or the cod war, people with the necessary skills would be available.

Mr Sainsbury said that that interesting and ingenious point would be considered. Devonport was not the only capacity available.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab) said that it was deplorable that Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, had not insisted on making this statement himself. Because if the House had been misled and the workers had been grievously misled it appeared that Mr Younger bore direct personal responsibility. He should be here to answer.

Was this not part of the callous way in which the Government had dealt with this matter? When the privatization Bill was introduced, the previous Secretary of State [Mr Michael Heseltine] had not bothered to come and move the Bill himself.

How could the minister offer any guarantees? Was it not part of the privatization programme that no guarantees could be given by any minister which were worth anything at all?

Mr Sainsbury said that the need for big job reductions had been known long before the Government started discussions with commercial management.

In discussions with the trade unions the longer-term need for big reductions, down to the level now postulated, had already been disclosed. "We can therefore decisively reject the allegations that we sought to deceive either the workforce or the House in this matter."

Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, SLD) said that the scale of the job losses was far higher than the ministry had suggested and was happening more quickly.

The savings from the management scheme were on nothing like the scale originally suggested. If that was not misleading, at the very least it was bungling. Was there not an obligation upon the Government to step in to save jobs?

Mr Sainsbury said that he was surprised Mr Taylor did not recognize the benefits to the Royal Navy of a 30 per cent improvement in the efficiency of the dockyard labour force. That would put the dockyard in a better position to compete for other work.

Tunnel line

British Rail intends to use, at least initially, the existing west London line for its link between the North of England and the Channel tunnel, **Mr David Mitchell**, Minister of State for Transport, said in a written reply. The line would be upgraded and electrified for the purpose.

Limb supply

The supply of artificial limbs to the NHS in Scotland is to be put to competitive tender from January 1, **Mr Michael Forsyth**, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said in a written Commons answer.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Social Services; Prime Minister. Housing Bill, report stage, third day.
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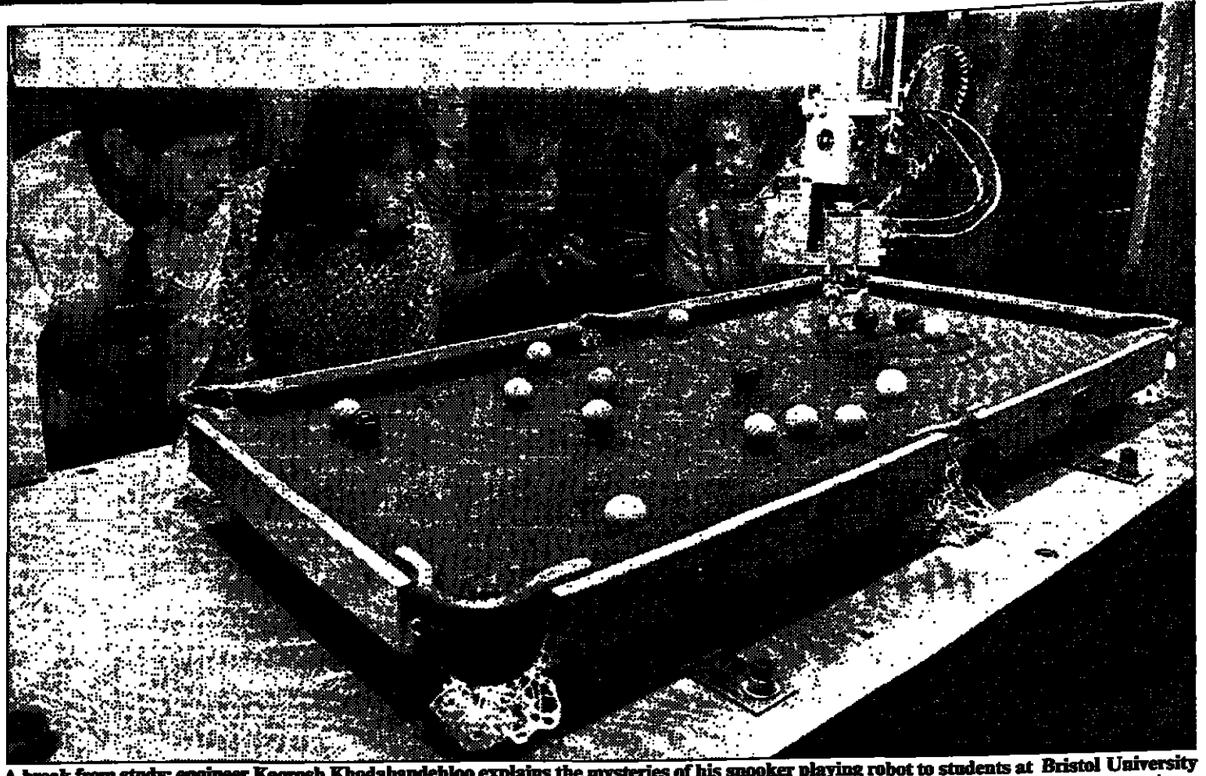
Problems in the making

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- More engineers are desperately needed to help industry compete abroad
- Yet the profession feels unappreciated and the number of students is falling

Part 12: The challenge of industry

NICK ROGERS



A break from study: engineer Kourosh Khodabandehloo explains the mysteries of his snooker playing robot to students at Bristol University

Engineers at Bristol University have developed a robot which plays snooker. *If this suggests* to you a joke about Steve Davis, forget it: everyone else has thought of it already. Steve Davis is in fact involved in the project, rather unselfishly since it might ultimately produce a super-human rival capable of outplaying him. But for the time being the aim of Koorosh Khodabandehloo and his team is more modestly to investigate how to equip the robot with skills in perception and co-ordination which are complex for machines, though child's play for some human beings.

Davies has offered the team helpful thoughts on the conceptual side of the game (one of his own advantages, he believes, is the ability to plan moves three steps ahead, while most players plan two: trying to plan four moves ahead is pointless, he thinks). As yet, the robot's strategic insight is rudimentary, and it tends to get confused between balls and their shadows. But it recognizes colours and knows which ball to aim for, and pockets it with 70 per cent success.

"The media have shown a lot of interest in the robot", says its inventor, who is used to answering to the short nickname Khoda. "What irritates me is that when they write the story up, they always say that the project has been devised by scientists, not engineers. No wonder people in this country don't understand what engineering is all about."

For the whole of this century at least, engineers in Britain have been a profession with a chip on their collective shoulder. They look abroad and see the high status enjoyed by their counterparts in Europe, and to a lesser *extent in America, and ask:* "Why not us?"

In spite of significant efforts by the academic authorities and the Government in recent years to mitigate the long-standing malaise in engineering in this country, morale remains low. Engineering has been spared the worst rigours of the spending cuts imposed since 1983, and its close links with industry have helped it to find subsidies and research contracts to fill part of the gap — though manufacturers are not yet as much in the habit of investing in this way as the City has become, with its lavish benefactions to business studies.

Yet the number of applicants to enter courses remains troublingly low and has actually declined since 1985. Staff-student ratios remain tight. Graduates, in turn, regard manufacturing industry as so unattractive an option that more than three out of four look elsewhere for their careers.

The deep paradox of engineering in this country is that at a time when such a loud public emphasis is given to the need for British *industry to be innovative* and compete in world markets, the discipline central to technical innovation is undervalued both by the public and by industry itself.

"I find it irritating when people say 'Can you mend my car?'," says Frances Warwick, one of only two girls out of 50 in the third year of Bristol University's four-year Mechanical Engineering course. "An ordinary car mechanic is called an engineer, and people find it confusing. But our course is very, very theoretical and includes things such as law and economics."

"The problem of low esteem goes far back," says Profesor Ludwig Finkelstein, of the City University, London. "There is an assumption by the public that engineering is all about repairing vacuum cleaners or working in noisy machine-shops."

And it is true, he says, that if you met a British Chartered Engineer of his generation, fully qualified as a professional, you might well find that *he had left school at 16 and gone* to a technical college. "A Dutchman of the same status would have gone to a prestige university and be a person of wide culture. But the problem has greatly improved, largely through the efforts of the Engineering Council."

The Engineering Council was recently established by charter as the ultimate authority in control of standards for qualifications. As with the law or medicine, university degree courses are designed to lay the foundation for qualifying as a chartered engineer after further professional training in industry, for 18 months or two years. "We are beginning to get the message across", says Dr Kenneth Miller, director-general of the council. "But these things are cultural attitudes — not things you can put right by decree. Only when it dawns on people that a chartered engineer can hold his own with any qualified professional will the problem disappear."

A major weapon in the battle to be taken seriously has been the introduction of four-year Masters courses, *ultimately* intended largely to supersede the three-year Bachelor qualification. The new courses give a broader basis of knowledge in a field where the bulk of factual information to be absorbed is so great that it is apt to fragment into a series of relatively isolated mini-disciplines. The extra year widens the range by extending contacts with related disciplines.

But there has been some resistance both from students, many of whom are understandably eager to hitch letters on to their name at the earliest opportunity, and from industry, which has had a patchy record in recognizing the value of academic training (and even in releasing potential high-fliers for retraining as their careers develop). As yet, only about 20 per cent of students go for the four-year option.

"I believe there should be a movement towards the four-year course becoming the norm," says Miller. "But it is a matter of convincing the students, and industry must have a role in this. Part of the problem is that we have to make up for the lack in English schools of the broadly-based education which is normal everywhere else in the world, even in Scotland."

Miller is not the only engineer to have groaned at the Government's brusque rejection last week of the Higginson Report proposing a broadening of the sixth-form A level system. "I am bound to say I'm disappointed", says Dr John Horlock, Vice-Chancellor of the Open University. "Our basic difficulty in recruitment is that we are fishing in a desperately small pool. With the three-subject A level pattern, the numbers studying maths, physics and chemistry are very low."

Horlock points out that Japan produces two-and-a-half times as many engineering graduates as Britain in proportion to its population, and that out of Britain's output of 13,500 graduates a year, only 4,000 find their way into manufacturing industry. "I'd be delighted to see so many finding rewarding careers in the City and the Civil Service if only we were producing twice as many graduates", he says. "As it is, industry is in danger of being bled white".

Graduate engineers today have little difficulty in finding jobs, but the higher rewards, and the stimulating challenges, are too often found outside industry. Nor have employers fully come to terms with the pace of technological advance, which means that engineers will increasingly need to re-learn their trade.

"It is as if every five years the university told me 'Fink, you've been a splendid professor of German, but from now on you're going to have to teach Dutch' — it's stimulating but alarming", says Professor Finkelstein. In France and Germany many engineers have a statutory right to regular study leave to upgrade their training, and in the USA some companies have set up their own "colleges" to retrain employees.

In 1992, British engineering qualifications will become valid all over Europe. British engineers, who consider that they are undervalued and under-rewarded here, will be able to export their skills. If today's shortage of engineers turns to famine in 1992, what will become of British industry's aspirations to technological leadership?

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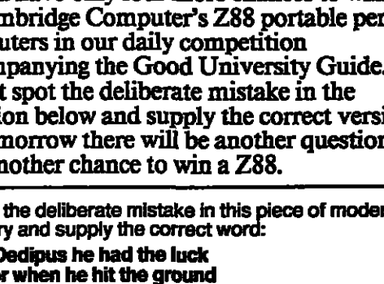
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Location: The campus lies in the grounds of Singleton Abbey in a pleasant parkland two miles west of Swansea on the edge of the Gower Pensinsula conservation area.
History: Founded in 1920.
Undergraduates: 3,808 (Male/Female ratio 5:4).
Main areas of study: The largest courses are Engineering, History, Philosophy, Sociology, Anthropology. Popular: American Studies, Business and Management Studies, Geography, Modern Languages and Psychology. Length of degree: three to four years.
Special features: Built on the Gower Peninsula, well placed for the study of geography and marine sciences. It has an Institute for Marine Studies and offers unusual courses such as *Marine Biology and Topographic Science. In Management* Science access to the ERASMUS network for exchange of students at universities in the EEC. Science park.
Social life: Most first-years are accommodated in one of three on-campus or three off-campus halls. There is also a student village at Hendrefoelan with 75 houses and room for 1,000 students. The new Taliesin Arts centre has its own theatre and good music facilities. Modern sports centre. A swimming pool and there is surfing and canoeing off the Gower beaches.
Student view: "Situated right on the Gower Coast, the location is gorgeous and offers great opportunities for surfing, rock climbing, and sub-aqua; in fact there isn't a single sport uncatered for at Swansea. Lively night-life in the town which is not student dominated. A nice college, not too brilliant facilities for entertainment, but take the trouble and you can find endless amounts of fun."
Famous graduates: Donald Anderson MP, Paul Thorburn and Mark Wyatt (Welsh Rugby Union internationals).
Open days: July 15.

ULSTER

Coleraine, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland BT52 1SA (0265 4141). Inquiries: Admissions Officer.
Location: Four campuses spread around Northern Ireland at Coleraine, Jordanstown, Belfast and Magee College, Londonderry.
History: The University of Ulster was formed by the merger of the Ulster Polytechnic and the New University of Ulster in 1984.
Undergraduates: 5,700 (M/F 1:1).
Main areas of study: Business Studies, Education, Banking and Finance, Combined Social and Behavioural Sciences. Length of degree: three to four years.
Special features: Organized into seven faculties. First in the UK to offer both degree and non-degree qualifications. Students are allowed to delay their final choice of course until they *have experienced a variety of* subjects. Work placements play an important role. Science park.
Social life: Accommodation is limited on all four campuses although first-years are given priority. Most students either live at home or in rented accommodation. Good Union and sporting facilities and a full-time manager at Jordanstown co-ordinates the entertainments programme across all four sites. Rugby and hockey popular.
Student view: "Students have benefitted from an injection of government money since 1984 and student facilities have been developed and improved. Accommodation is at a premium but more places are planned. High reputation in wide range of sports. Employers appreciate strong vocational emphasis of academic programmes."
Famous graduates: None as yet.
Open days: June 6-10 (Belfast), Sept 7-8 (Jordanstown), Sept 13 (Coleraine) Sept 14 (Magee College).

UMIST

University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, PO BOX 88, Manchester M60 1QD (061 236 3311). Inquiries: Registrar.
Location: Purpose-built complex occupying 27 acres of Manchester city centre. Together with Manchester's other notable academic institutions forms Western Europe's largest educational precinct.
History: *Founded in 1824,* UMIST provided Manchester with the technicians and craftsmen for the Industrial Revolution. International reputation for research in science and technology.
Undergraduates: 3,149 (M/F 3:1).
Main areas of study: Engineering, Science, Management. Also Language & Linguistics, Ophthalmic Optics, Textiles and the only Paper Science degree course in UK university. Length of degree: three or four years; based on continuous assessment, lab exercises, essays *and formal exams.*
Special features: Joule Library has been refurbished and enlarged to house 190,000 volumes. With more than 1,000 research projects currently underway, UMIST maintains close links with industry. It has introduced a new four-year course to convert non-science A level students into engineers.
Social life: On-campus halls and shares University of Manchester halls of residence and flats. First-years guaranteed places. Centrally situated, easy access to Manchester nightlife, pubs and cultural activities. SU has good facilities including a disco and snooker room and one of the cheapest bars in Manchester. Eight-acre sports ground, bowling green, and students can use university sports facilities.
Student view: "A small friendly campus in the middle of Manchester. Active social life available on top of a good academic reputation."
Famous graduates: Sir John Cockroft, Sir Arthur Whitten-Brown (trans-Atlantic aviation pioneer).
Open days: June 30, September 19.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES College of Medicine

Heath Park, Cardiff CF4 4XN (0222 755944). Inquiries: Registrar.
Location: Part of hospital and teaching complex two miles out of Cardiff. The site also contains a dental school.
History: Founded in 1931 as the Welsh National School of Medicine. Moved to Heath Park in 1971 and granted charter in 1974.
Undergraduates: 700 (M/F 1:1).
Main areas of study: Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacology. Length of degree: from three to five years.
Special features: Teaching is a mixture of formal and continuous assessment. Pre-clinical first year spent at University College, Cardiff. Students are able to visit hospitals all over Wales. Renowned Tenovus Institute for Cancer Research is situated next to the college.
Social life: First-years guaranteed accommodation at University College, Cardiff. Additional accommodation on site for nursing and clinical students. Close-knit and vigorous student community with active music and drama societies. Shares excellent sports *facilities with University* College.
Student view: "The Medical Club is the centre of student life, home for numerous sports clubs and the catalyst for all social events. Freshers Fortnight gives first-years a 'fun and games' start to college, which later includes formal events, such as St David's Day Dinners, and the unique Medical Presidential Ball."
Famous graduates: Gareth Crompton (chief medical officer for Wales), Professor B. Knight (medical and crime writer).
Open days: Visitors welcome by arrangement.

WARWICK

Coventry CV4 7AL (0203 523523). Inquiries: Academic registrar.
Location: White, modern buildings set into a large green, landscaped campus three miles south-west of Coventry city centre.
History: Founded in 1964 and pioneered the entrepreneurial activites now adopted by many universities, particularly attracting sponsorship from and co-operation with industry.
Undergraduates: 6,278 (M/F 6:5).
Main areas of study: Maths, Engineering, History, Biological Sciences, Management Services and Law. Popular: Accounting and Financial Analysis, Film and Literature, Computer Science, and Law, especially International Law. Length of degree: three to four years.
Special features: A £9m building programme is underway which will include a bio-technology lab and the Austin Rover Advanced Technology Centre. Interesting study facilities include opportunities for English students to join RSC workshops in Stratford and History or Politics students to spend time in Venice or the US. Science park.
Social life: All first and many third-years can live on campus. Most first-years share rooms and all the accommodation is *self-catering. Social life* tends to centre on the campus. The arts centre is the venue for many major musical and theatrical *events and sporting* facilities are good with two sports halls and two swimming pools.
Student view: "A large, self-contained university in the Warwickshire countryside. Being cut off from the rest of the world may at first seem unattractive, but a vibrant SU, good arts centre and good sporting facilities mean there is plenty to do. High academic reputation. Continous building work reflects university's continued growth. On the whole an excellent place to do a degree."
Famous graduates: David Davis MP, *Timmy Mallett,* Jeff Rooker MP.
Open days: September 21 (Science & Social Studies), 28 (Arts & Education).

YORK

Heslington, York YO1 5DD (0904 430000). Inquiries: Admissions Officer.
Location: At the pretty Yorkshire village of Heslington and its central focus is Heslington Hall, an Elizabethan manor house. The rest of the architecture is modern and artificial *lakes have been created in the* landscape which attract wild fowl.
History: York University first admitted students in 1963.
Undergraduates: 2,800 (M/F 5:4).
Main areas of study: English and History, Economics and Related Studies, Biology and Chemistry, Computer Science and Technology. Length of degree: three to four years.
Special features: Traditional arts bias is shifting and by 1990 almost half the students will be studying science and technology subjects. Computing centre, an audio-visual centre and a language centre.
Social life: Every student is a member of one of the six colleges on campus, each of which has its own library and own identity. All first-years can live in college. Much of the social focus centres on the JCRs but the SU runs a campus radio and television system as well as producing a newspaper. The university has already built up a strong musical tradition.
Student view: "A 'nice' middle-class university. A small campus which can make for a close-knit community but can seem a little claustrophobic at times. The town is small with little in the way of entertainment but is very attractive. Main problem is the lack of a SU building or a venue for entertainments. Accommodation good and cheap."
Famous graduates: Tony Banks MP, Harriet Harman MP.
Open days: No more this year.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Breakthrough in the great bacteria battle

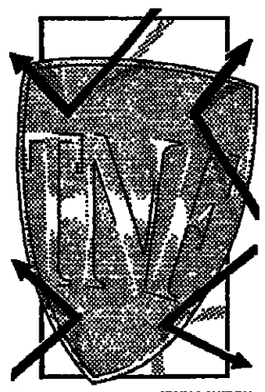
A substance called Tumour Necrosis Factor (TNF) has this week been shown to be a key substance in the body's reaction to infection by bacteria. Hitherto, TNF has been known chiefly for its involvement in cancer, where it is thought to keep the growth of tumours in check and even make them shrink.

The researchers responsible for the discovery, Dr Hamish Michie, of St Mary's Hospital, London, and colleagues working out of Harvard University in the United States, have been studying TNF to help find ways of treating patients whose reactions to bacterial infection are out of control.

The fever, nausea and muscle aches associated with infections are not simply the result of the bacteria themselves, or of the toxins they produce, but signs that the body's own defensive reaction to infection has been mobilized.

This reaction is provoked by a molecule attached to the cell walls of the invading bacteria. What the new research has shown is that TNF alone is responsible for the symptoms of bacterial infections. This has been proved by giving purified TNF to healthy animals: even if they do not have a bacterial infection, they show all the signs of being sick.

Sometimes the body overreacts to the presence of bacterial invaders, causing a condition called septic shock. In these cases, blood pressure drops, pulse rate increases and death often follows. The new research suggests that in these cases, the body has produced too much Tumour Necrosis Factor. TNF has long been suspected to be one of the chemicals responsible for the body's first reaction to bacterial infection, chiefly on the basis of studies showing that it is produced immediately after injecting animals with fragments from bacterial cell walls. But because TNF is broken down quickly in the bloodstream, it has not so far been shown that it is present in people with infections. The success of Michie's group, reported in this week's *New England Journal of Medicine,* came only after the researchers received permission from the United States Food and Drug Administration to give volunteer patients doses of bacterial cell wall fragments.



JOHN LAWSON

About two hours after the injections, large amounts of TNF were found circulating in the volunteers' blood. They developed flu-like symptoms after the level of TNF in their blood began to fall, and at the same time began to produce extra white blood cells, necessary for fighting infection.

Near the turn of the century, physicians noted that the tumours of cancer patients were often reduced in size after a bout of bacterial infection. Some physicians began treating cancer patients by giving them either live or killed bacteria.

Later work suggested that the bacteria were causing the patients' bodies to produce a substance, named TNF, acting against tumours by cutting off their blood supply. But the definite link between the presence of bacterial material and the production of TNF in people has only now been established by Michie and his colleagues.

Several biotechnology companies are seeking to exploit the finding that TNF plays a role in the body's response to bacterial infection. They have made antibodies specific for TNF in tissue cultures, in the hope that these will block the excess TNF produced by patients in septic shock.

The same companies are also exploiting the capacity of TNF to strangle tumours: it is being tested as a cancer drug in the United States and several European countries.

Carol Ezzell

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Elegance revisited



Back in style: Kristin Scott Thomas and co-star James Wilby

Thirties style is translated into Eighties chic with the help of cool English beauty Kristin Scott Thomas

With a pale ankle-length trenchcoat flying open over a linen skirt and simple white shirt, the actress Kristin Scott Thomas swept into a London studio last week to be photographed for *The Times*, carrying her essential accessory of the moment: a Moses basket. The newest in a long, elegant line of quintessentially English actresses, her embodiment of Evelyn Waugh's aristocratic heroine Lady Brenda Last in Charles Sturridge's film of *A Handful of Dust* has dazzled the critics. Having apologized all round for the intrusion of her four-week-old daughter, she displayed her poise by feeding baby Hannah while having her hair done.

Scott Thomas has lived and worked in Paris for eight years and is ensconced in a comfortable apartment near the Luxembourg Gardens on the Left Bank. Her French husband, François Olivennes, is an obstetrician. Brought up in Dorset, one of five children of a naval officer and the product of Cheltenham Ladies' College, Scott Thomas simply took her Englishness abroad and bottled it. Derek Granger, producer of *A Handful of Dust*, describes her clear English tones as "preserved in French amber".

Will Brenda Last's close-fitting cloche hats, trim tweed jacket and sinuous dresses set the same fashion trends as Julia Flyte's 1920s shifts or Sebastian's cricket sweaters in *Brideshead Revisited*? The brittle, glamorous style of the Thirties certainly matches the mood for sophistication in fashion today, and longer skirts are coming back.

Jane Robinson, who won an academy award for her style-setting costumes in *Brideshead*, has faithfully recreated original 1930s styles for *A Handful of Dust*. "The Burberry coat is the same one I used for Diana Quick in *Brideshead*," she says. "The flecked tweed jacket she wears on the train to London is an original. Everything else had to be made."

'I am crazy about hats and have always loved disguising myself'

The actress's tastes fuse perfectly with the aristocratic style of Brenda Last. She hates frills and frou-frou and seeks out simple classics in her favourite neutral shades.

Her trenchcoat came from the Paris branch of Joseph's London chain, the vintage white shirt from a flea market. A borrowed Balenciaga dress in red was packed to wear to last night's premiere, although she admitted to some trouble in doing up the zip so soon after the baby's birth (she was four months' pregnant when filming began). Most typical of her style, she says, are the clothes she made for herself when she was pregnant, such as a high-waisted dress in dark brown velvet with long tight sleeves, worn with an antique lace collar. "I am happy dressing up. I am crazy about hats and have always loved disguising myself," she says. "I go through phases of looking chic. Instead of jeans, however, my day-to-day uniform would be painters' dungarees which are kinder to my English pear shape."

Even before the endorsement of next autumn's fashions arrives in the shops, it is obvious from the summery styles seen here, Caroline Charles's elegant spotted "tea dress", Ralph Lauren's languid satin skirt, camisole and organza shirt, and the understated linen from Margaret Howell and Whistles, that this English brand of quiet chic is one that lasts.







Above: Short, shapely jacket in brown and cream check linen, £105, Whistles, 12-14,St Christopher's Place, W1 and branches. Cream silk shawl-collared blouse, £175, Georgina von Etzdorf at Lords, 41 Burlington Arcade, W1. Natural straw cloche trimmed with Brussels lace and satin rose, £90, Jane Smith Straw Hats, 131 Philip Street, SW8. Paste 1930s clip, £65, Studium, Stand M20/21, 1-7 Davies Mews, London W1

Top right: Navy and white spotted silk georgette mid-calf length dress, £355, Caroline Charles, 11 Beauchamp Place, SW3; Ambers, Amersham; Melanie Osborne, Beverly; Suzanne, Cobham; Gitts, Cirencester; Cliché, Beaconsfield; Private Lives, Brown Thomas, Dublin. Paste bracelet, £85; paste and "jet" Art Deco drop earrings, £95, Studium

Below right: Sand silk chiffon blouse over silk satin camisole, £226; matching silk satin skirt, flared to calf length, £454, all Polo Ralph Lauren, 134 New Bond Street, W1. Long strand of "oystershell" pearls, £120, Ciro, 9 New Bond Street, W1

Make-up by Jane Goddard. Hair by Michael Rasser for Michaeljohn, 23a Albemarle Street, W1
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PEOPLE

Cartier's double vision

The fact that **Mrs Thatcher** (in navy and white by Aquascutum) had flown into Paris last Friday morning for meetings at the Elysée Palace added an extra surreal touch to a sighting of Mrs Thatcher (in hyacinth blue crêpe suit by Windsmoor) stepping out of a Rolls-Royce at the Cartier Foundation in a suburb of Paris the same morning. Really Fake, Cartier's exhibition at its Contemporary Art foundation in Jouy, near Paris, has pulled together a great many more bizarre items than a fake Mrs Thatcher (**Alison McGuire** from London's Ugly agency), who was required to strike unstatesmanlike poses in front of some equally fake Mona Lisas.

Fired by its long-standing war against copycat watchmakers, Cartier has assembled fakes spanning the decades in the village studios and château that stands in its rolling 40 acre park. Industrial rip-offs of such branded products as Lacoste shirts, Cartier tank watches, Toblerone, Nescafé and Kiwi polish take up a relatively small part of the whole exhibition. The dividing line is clearly drawn between the deception of the forgery (Dreyfuss case documents, forged banknotes, credit cards and precise recreations of original works of art) and the creative and amusing pastiche. A run of galleries in the Second World War bunker, spray-painted gold, is devoted entirely to the Mona Lisa, proof that it is the most commonly used image in the world.



Added buzz: one of the fake Mona Lisas

Marie-Claude Beaud, director of the Cartier Foundation, who set out to distinguish the art of the creator from the craft of imitator, admits to being stunned by the scale of the subject. "Every one has a story to tell," she says.

Elisabeth Garouste and **Matia Bonetti**, the chic Paris design team responsible for executing **Christian Lacroix**'s fantasies in the décor of his couture salon, designed the exhibition. One Lacroix couture original stands in the exhibition, alongside a copy by the American Victor Costa.

After hours of studying illusion, imitation, forgery, piracy, even surreal prostheses, I found myself beaming in admiration at an elegant Japanese woman dressed in so much Chanel it could only be fake. From her black Breton and saucer-sized white gardenia to the black toecaps of her shoes, the only false note seemed to be her handbag, an Hermès Kelly style. "Brilliant," I complimented her for dressing so fittingly for the occasion. Toshimitsu Imai did not get the joke. "Completely real, Chanel couture," she protested.

Honours all round

"I believe this is as much a recognition of the status of the fashion industry as of any contribution I may have made." **Edward Rayne**, CVO, knighted in the Birthday Honours, is disarming about the acknowledgment of his career as ambassador for British fashion. Re-elected this month as chairman of the British Fashion Council, this larger-than-life character has brought a Runyonesque touch to the tricky task of co-ordinating fragmented divisions of the industry.

Royal shoemakers H & M Rayne, his family firm and part of Debenhams since 1975, was sold in last year's reshuffle by the Burton Group. He remains consultant to Harvey Nichols. Rayne has spent a lifetime promoting British fashion, beginning as chairman of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers in 1960. "Designers chucked away the opportunities of the 1960s," he says. "Today things are different. Our aim is to maintain London's new position as a world market."

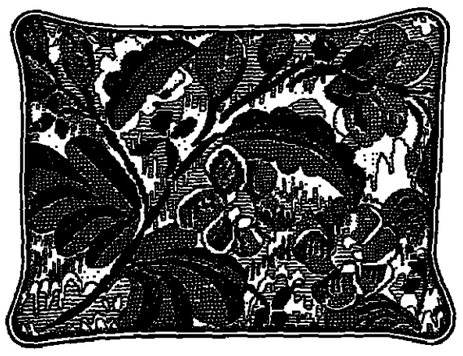
The stylish ambassadress for British fashion, **Lady Henderson**, has been honoured with an OBE. Mary Henderson, wife of Sir Nicholas Henderson, worked relentlessly to promote London designers in Bonn, Paris and Washington. Back in London she has not given up the crusade. With **Edward Rayne**, Sir Terence Conran, designer **Jean Muir** and **Beatrix Miller**, former *Vogue* editor, she made up a fashion "Think Tank" set up in 1985 to be the crucial link between Government and the industry.

Patricia Lester, whose pleated dresses in luminous silks are favourites of **Princess Margaret** and **Princess Michael of Kent**, received a well-deserved MBE. Lester made her modest debut in the fashion business when she took up dressmaking after the birth of her daughter 23 years ago.

Lester says she is thrilled by the MBE. She is equally enthusiastic about plans for an exhibition of her work in Paris in September. "We have always exported 90 per cent of our dresses across to America. I am so excited now about Europe."

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Candace Bahouth is one of the most accomplished tapestry designers in the country and has undertaken many public and private commissions. Her work tends to be detailed and figurative and on a large scale. For this cushion, however, she has chosen a looser, freer style which perfectly suits the subject matter. The leaves, in shades of faded grey, and the flowers, in dusty orange and brick reds, are set against a pale multicoloured wash of background reminiscent of an abstract fabric pattern. In this background sandy yellows and ochre blend with pale blue and white and the overall use of colour is soft and delicate.

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TELEVISION

All made very clear

Prompted by the need to explain something which is foreign to most viewers — science — *Horizon*, on BBC2, has consistently shown a mastery of television techniques and a sophisticated command of developing technology.

Last night, Alec Nisbett's film, *Superconductor: the Race for the Prize*, appropriately about a discovery which enables electricity to flow without resistance, surpassed even *Horizon*'s own very high standards.

It also kept faith with the idea of extended verbal explanations as a means of conveying information. I've never watched a programme which conveyed so much difficult information so quickly, yet it still found time to combine its educational explanations with a witty, wry social documentary on the many different rivals in the field.

To achieve all this, techniques old and new were used to the full, but without over-indulgence. Admittedly, Paul Vaughan's fact-packed commentary would have been too much of a mouthful for a less calmly assured voice, but with his customary skill he eased the hurt of the viewer's straining intelligence.

The graphics, visual tricks and analogies, including a "ballet" in which dancers imitated the movements of electrons, clarified rather than cluttered our understanding, the reconstructions by the scientists of their discoveries added a sense of drama, the talking heads fascinated both with their talking and their splendid collection of heads.

Indeed, even those who could not follow what was being said would have been entertained by the individual quirks of the scientists, which included an American Chinese use of sexual politics to get research material and the retreat by one Nobel prize winner into "Physics and spirituality: the next grand unification?"

The first of three programmes to mark the *80th Birthday celebration for Stephane Grappelli* (BBC1) gave us a superconductor of a different electricity, whose apparently effortless fluency of communication is imbued with the old cool of the Hot Club of France, rather than the foaming liquid nitrogen of the scientists' more showy stage acts.

Andrew Hislop

John Russell Taylor on recent and still vital work by a highly individual octogenarian Englishman

According to Collins

GALLERIES

Cecil Collins
Anthony d'Offay

Peter Coker
Gallery 10

Fred Cuming
New Grafton

Matthew Spender
Berkeley Square

Lawrence Preece
Redfern

Lisa Milroy
Nicola Jacobs

I can never quite understand the devotion of people otherwise vowed entirely to the weaker reaches of modernism to the work of Cecil Collins. Not, of course, that I am in any way against it; it is rather touching to find a Cecil Collins show nestling in the bosom of the Tate, limits last, and a major retrospective promised there next year, or in a gallery like Anthony d'Offay's, which one is much more likely to find full of Bentt or Clemente or Gilbert and George.

The present show, entitled "The Music of Dawn", is on till June 22, consists entirely of recent work (some of it very recent), and marks Collins's 80th birthday, as well as the publication of a substantial volume devoted to him, William Anderson's *Cecil Collins: The Quest for the Great Happiness* (Barrie and Jenkins, £25).

Possibly in this context Collins can be, with a bit of forcing, apprehended as Post-Modern. But the point about him really is that he has for more than 50 years followed his own solitary path, developing his own mystical imagery and taking little or no notice of anything going on around him.

If he now seems to belong to no particular period, it is because he never really did. At most, one could say that when Neo-Romanticism was in vogue in the Forties, some of its blokeish detail did show a (largely accidental) kinship with the work of other artists who were temporarily obsessed with Palmer, Calvert and such, as the quintessence of Englishness.

In his book combining biography and criticism, Anderson goes into Collins's imagery at length. Perhaps excessive, since what can be explained is immediately apparent, and so much of Collins's effect is produced by creating an atmosphere rather than by offering us a riddle.

He does not use his recurrent Fool-figures in any deep, esoteric way; his princesses and fairy forms are as simple or as complex as any children's story, and as resistant to scholarly explication. If you respond to Collins's own small, special, private world, you will find the show charming and sometimes haunting. If you do not, there is remarkably little in it that the intellect can illuminate.



Welcome to the world: Cecil Collins's "Dawn", 1988 tempera on board, from the show at Anthony d'Offay

While the Royal Academy's summer show is on, we have chances to appreciate the work of two of its shining lights in one-man shows: Peter Coker, who is showing at Gallery 10 until June 30, is known as a powerful landscapist, and some pictures here have an almost expressionist tinge: "Chrossavaig, Skye", for instance, with its great hummock of blue heaving convulsively out of the massed greens, or "The Quirang, Skye", where the paint is pasted on and scratched off again with quite demonic abandon. Others, the seapieces especially, have a calm intensity with its own powerful charge.

Fred Cuming, who is showing at the New Grafton Gallery until June 25, looks in comparison more than ever a quietist: the mainly small pictures on view here deal in the most delicate veils of colour, in flowers and calm seas, in people luxuriating in the heat of a Spanish beach. But none has a super touch, a more magical sense of light and shade than Cuming. His painting may be totally unnovative, but it is hard to imagine it better of its kind.

It comes as a surprise to work out that Matthew Spender is not so much younger than the Coker/Cuming generation: they are in their fifties, he in his forties. Perhaps because he has for so long regarded himself, as Bernardo Bertolucci remarks in his introduction to the catalogue of Spender's opening show of the Berkeley Square Gallery at 23A Bruton Street (until the end of the week), as a part-time painter.

Even up to his show at Gallery 24 in 1986, one could see talent in plenty, but it seemed to be shooting off in all directions. In this show he has finally pulled himself together, and the results are very impressive.

There are large oil paintings which mostly show humanly complex situations, groups of people together yet somehow separate, powerfully drawn and sparingly coloured (or in the case of "Black and White Film" cunningly not coloured at all), and sometimes tending to the mythical around the edges. There are also sculptures in wood and terracotta, and drawings and gouaches.

And they all, remarkably, belong to the same vision, are clearly all the work of the same man.

Lawrence Preece is another painter in his forties who has never done anything less than interesting, but perhaps never either quite clinched his overall effect. His latest show at the Redfern Gallery (until June 22), titled "Library Steps" brings him decidedly nearer to that.

The central image of the show is, right enough, a set of steps in a library. Occasionally the theme is quite explicit: you can see the steps, the books, and everything else the idea implies. But more usually he takes this as merely a jumping-off point, heading happily towards abstraction.

The general effect — the curving shape set against the rectilinear patterns of what are sometimes appreciable as books and bookcases — has an oddly Vorticist look. Neo-Vorticism: now there's an art movement of the Eighties just waiting to be born.

Lisa Milroy is significantly younger again: a mere stripling of 29. But she has been around long enough (two one-person shows previously at the Nicola Jacobs Gallery, where her latest is on view until the end of the week) for us to have got used to her and feel that we know her range of subject-matter and her painterly mannerisms perhaps a mite too well.

Again, it is pleasing to see a definite move forward: away from the clothes on hangers or carefully folded and piled, away from the discreet, fuzzy colours, and on to larger pieces which lay out for inspection electric light bulbs, door fixtures, butterflies, gramophone records or Greek vases, whole or fragmented, with strong, even garish colours if the subject seems to call for them.

It is a simple, direct show, which plumbs no particular depths but troubles the surface enough for us to sit up and take notice.

ORATORIO

Personal touches

EBS/Gardiner
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Handel's *Jephtha* was the composer's last big work, costing him much sheer physical effort. This splendid resurrection in the South Bank's "End Games" series, by the sharply responsive Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists, showed what we should have expected, that it is full of wonderful, original, spontaneous and emotional music which made a long evening (even with cuts in the third act) pass quickly, despite the fact that John Eliot Gardiner, the conductor, did not choose especially fast speeds.

Despite too, the rather dull plot, Morell's Christianized version of the story from Judges, in which Jephtha, given a perplexing performance of impressively varied shadings by Nigel Robson, rashly promises to sacrifice the first person he meets after returning from victorious battle against the Ammonites. That person turns out to be his daughter Iphis (sung by Lynne Dawson with ravishing innocence), but she, of course, is spared, through the Angel, on the condition that she remains a virgin, dedicated to God.

The very simplicity of the story, however, allows Handel to explore his personalities in depth, and to make personal points. As an example of the latter, there is Jephtha's agonized Act Two recitative: "deeper and deeper still" surely the epicentre of the work, which contains the Beethovenian line "it's must be so". Handel emphasizes these words, and reinforces this philosophy of a man in declining years in the succeeding blunt chorus: "yet on this maxim still obey, /whatever is, is right".

The minor characters also have their big moments. Zebul's aria "pour forth no more unheeded pray'rs" is sung by Stephen Varcoe with a power and richness I have not heard from him before, while Hamor, Iphis's lover, is adorned by Michael Chance's exquisite countertenor. His aria "dull delay in piercing anguish" represents the first touch of genuinely human emotion in the work. Ruth Holton is a delectably boyish Angel in her one recitative and aria.

Stephen Pettitt

Choice composers

Nash Ensemble
Union Chapel/Radio 3

Anthony Payne's *A Sea Change*, scored for the same ensemble as Ravel's *Introduction and Allegro*, represents a relatively new departure, for the reason that it was written intuitively rather than after detailed calculation. The result is a gentle slowly unfolding wash of sound, coloured with Ravel's exquisite palette and more.

It contrasted strongly with the energy of Nicholas Maw's *Ghost Dances*, whose own instrumentation looks to the *Pierrot Lunaire* ensemble, though with the exotic and occasional additions of mbira (African thumb piano), American strumstick (a kind of one stringed banjo), kazoo, and Pakistani finger cymbals.

Maw's language has never sounded more disturbed, more highly charged, more expressionistic, than in these deliberately *distorted pieces which, for all their* variety, form a compelling and cogent sequence. Again this music is above all intuitive, but Maw's visions are taken from the restless, discomforting dreams of an ever-wakeful mind. The piece demands extreme virtuosity from the players, but under Lionel Friend's direction the Nash Ensemble rose to its challenges with panache.

They did, too, in Colin Matthews's *The Great Journey*, another experiment, and a large scale one (it took seven years to write). It is a kind of symphony, its four movements more or less corresponding to the conventional sequence; but it is also a melodrama, and an extremely testing one for the baritone soloist, here the magnificent David Wilson-Johnson, who declaims feverishly throughout its 50-minute duration.

The writing is energetic, skilful, imaginative, and organic, as Matthews's music always is and was heard to be in the brief recital of solo pieces given earlier by Yvar Mikhashoff, Rebecca Hirsch and John Lenehan.

S.P.

CONCERTS

Music Projects
Almeida

Since Webern, silence has been a crucial element in many modern scores. In most London concert venues it is almost impossible to achieve. The specified "ten second silence" a the heart of Simon Holt's *Mirrormaze* simply meant that our attention was transferred outside the Union Chapel to lorries, trains, even music. Fortunately, Holt's piece was strong enough to survive this sonic battering, its strength coming not from brute force, but from that characteristic wedding of imaginative power and sure craftsmanship.

It could not have been less like Stephen Montague's Piano Concerto: brash, vividly scored and aimed straight at the gallery. A veneer of minimalism and modernism could hardly disguise Montague's essential traditionalism, nor soften the banalities of his Latin-American dance-like finale. All credit to the players and soloist Yvar Mikhashoff, for bringing such energy and conviction to the piece.

Peter Graham's *Time Scale* eased the passage between tasteful and concentrated Holt and ostentatiously diffuse Montague. Here, long tendril-like instrumental lines interwove against a firm basic pulse. Some pleasing sounds, though once again noise seriously marred the effect — this time the frantic rustling of unmanageable music sheets.

Finally, two works by acknowledged young masters. Michael Finnissy's *Catana* draws the material for its involuted probings from Romanian folk melody. It was fascinating to hear the latter struggling to keep its rhythmic profile amid Finnissy's spider's web textures.

Interesting too to see how Colin Matthews has fused the new-found muscularity of *Suns Dance* with his older romantic vein. As the title suggests, *Two Part Inventions* kept these two kinds of music separate, but the transition was skilful and the outcome deeply satisfying. Once again, splendid playing.

Stephen Johnson

Britten à la Broadway

OPERA

Paul Bunyan
Snape Maltings

The revival of *Paul Bunyan* at the Aldeburgh Festival is not without its ironies, since this is the piece that most exuberantly irrepressibly suggests what might have happened if Britten had, like his librettist Auden, remained in the United States and not returned to Suffolk in 1942, the year after *Bunyan* was first produced.

Instead of the operas, the long cycles and indeed the festivals, we might then have had a Britten with his roots established in American popular culture, for in style *Bunyan* looks towards Broadway, as much as in a late turn in the story the hopeful authors look towards Hollywood. We might have had a sort of English Kurt Weill.

Of course, neither Britten nor Auden can have been entirely serious in this particular venture: the Americanisms in the text and the music sound self-conscious and occasionally a trifle nervous.

Yet neither is the piece entirely tongue-in-cheek. It seems quite plausible that Britten could have gone on to become, after abandoning or being abandoned by the over-literary Auden, a successful composer of musicals.



Composer with over-literary librettist: Britten (right) and W.H. Auden

In any event, *Paul Bunyan* is an intensely, even aggressively American work, and it gains a great deal here from the importing of the cast and conductor of the new Virgin Classics recording, emanating from Minnesota. Philip Brunelle conducts a very zestful performance by the Philharmonia Chorus and the English Chamber Orchestra, the latter demonstrating how adeptly Britten incorporated American twangs and styles into an orchestral sophistication developed, particularly where the string writing is concerned, through the English works of the preceding decade.

The boyish playfulness of the piece, the sense of two artists having a ball with a genre that is still foreign to them, is well caught in Vern Sutton's semi-staged production, with the orchestra on the platform and the singers wearing concert dress but donning funny hats.

Fittingly, in a work devised for a college production, there are no star parts, but the opportunities for likeable characterization are well taken by Dan Dressen as Johnny Inkslinger, James Bohn as Hel Helson, Maria Jette as the dog Fido and Elisabeth Comeaux-Nelson as Tiny. Pop Wagner is nicely deadpan in his guitar-accompanied lyrics as the Ballad Singer.

James Lawless provides the orotund spoken lines of the amplified but unseen giant Paul Bunyan, the God on the point of leaving people to make their own moral choices.

There is another performance on Thursday.

Paul Griffiths

Composer's choice

LS/Knussen
Snape Maltings

The summer music festivals this year are declining again into a bland similarity, but Aldeburgh still has a handmade feel, thanks to the assembled enthusiasms of its eight artistic directors. Oliver Knussen, for one, is contriving to perpetuate Aldeburgh's distinction as a forum for contemporary music, and it was thanks to him that we heard on Sunday evening the British première of Alfred Schnittke's Fourth Symphony, coming as the highlight of an extended review of the most powerful composing voice in the Soviet Union at the moment.

Schnittke was happily present to hear Knussen's unfolding of his work with the *London Sinfonietta*, and to speak frankly of past and present tensions in Soviet musical life, as well as to explain something of the symphony's methods.

Like most of his larger works, this composition circles through time, going back particularly to four sources of sacred music: Orthodox chant, western plainsong, the Lutheran chorale and Jewish cantillation. The spirit, though, is of analysis rather than collage.

Having studied the scales of his sources, Schnittke invents material that may mix them together, may be faintly reminiscent of one or other of them; or may even sound like a quotation: there is a constant swinging from recognisable identities to music in a state of nascence.

Even sequences that sound very like chants or chorales, though, belong decidedly to the world of this work. For one thing the symphony has a pronounced textural individuality, the scoring in this chamber version being focused on the overlapping bell-like sounds of piano, harpsichord, celesta and metal percussion: occluded resonances as they often are, with minor seconds to muddy the rippling harmonics, and with solo winds and strings in great blocks, vigorous groupings or energetic solos.

Exploring these various possibilities and different combinations, the work exists in an essential stasis for 40 minutes within the framing of a three-chord idea heard first and last. And yet it also comes to a luminous climax in a passage for four solo voices near the end, sounding something like a re-invention of Machaut.

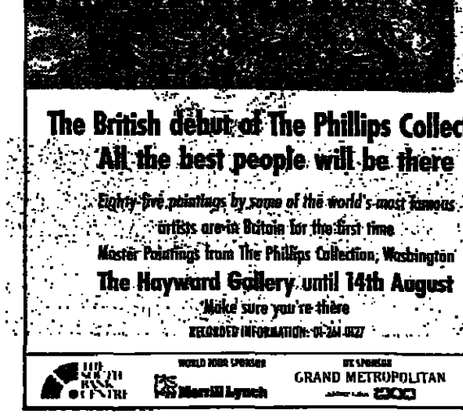
The singers here have no words — as in his Second Symphony, Schnittke is concerned with a religious expression obliged to be silent — but on this occasion, presumably at the composer's suggestion, a sacred text was added to the vocal quintet, making it still more a culmination, a quiet affirmation in this extraordinary clangorous work.

Earlier in the day, at Blythburgh, there was an encounter with another modern master, György Kurtág. Andras Schiff and Heinz Holliger played a selection of duet pieces from the wildly inventive volumes of educational pieces, and Adrienne Csengery sang the unaccompanied *Attila Jozsef Fragments* with her usual ear-seizing authority, adding as a present from the composer to Aldeburgh a paper-thin, exact and beautiful new song.

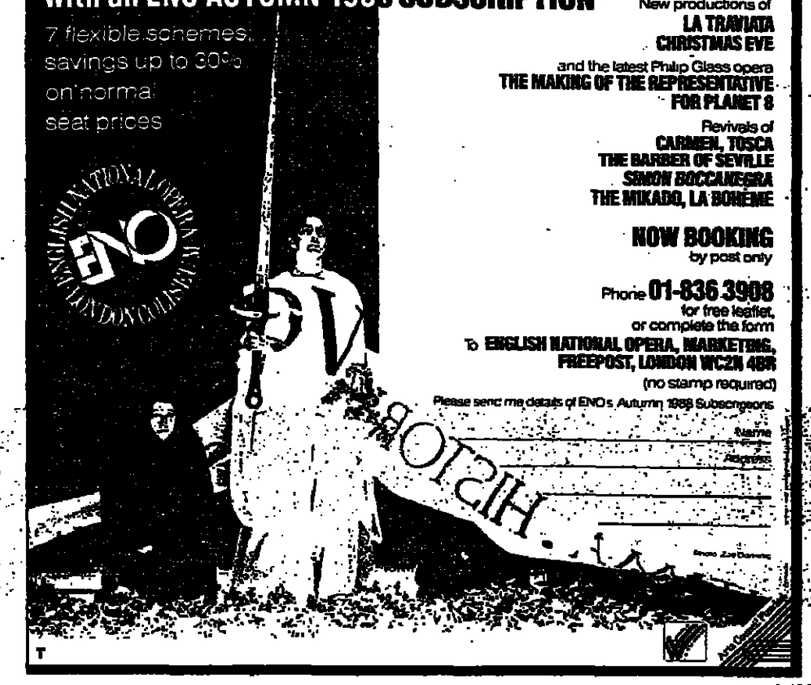
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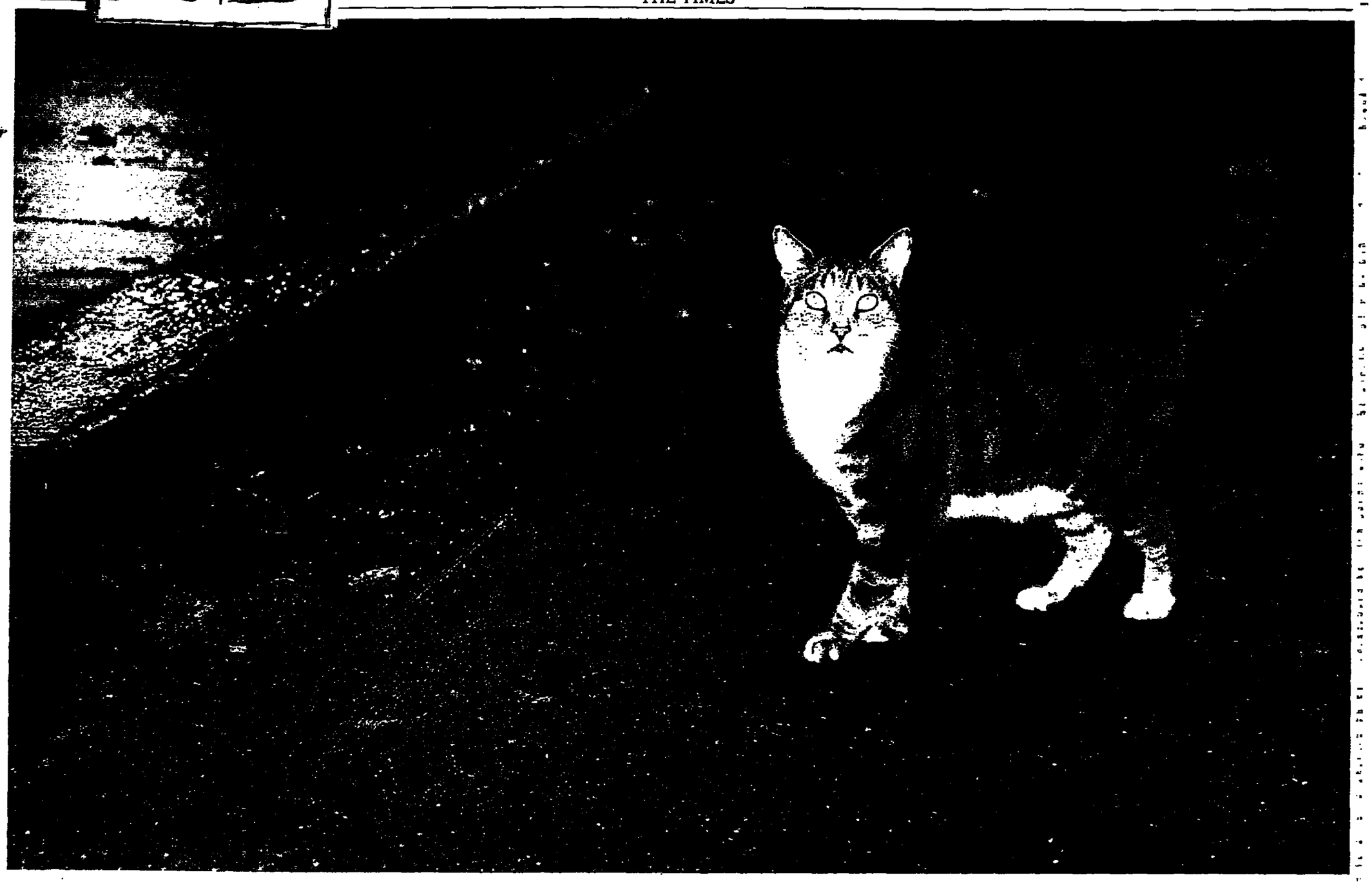
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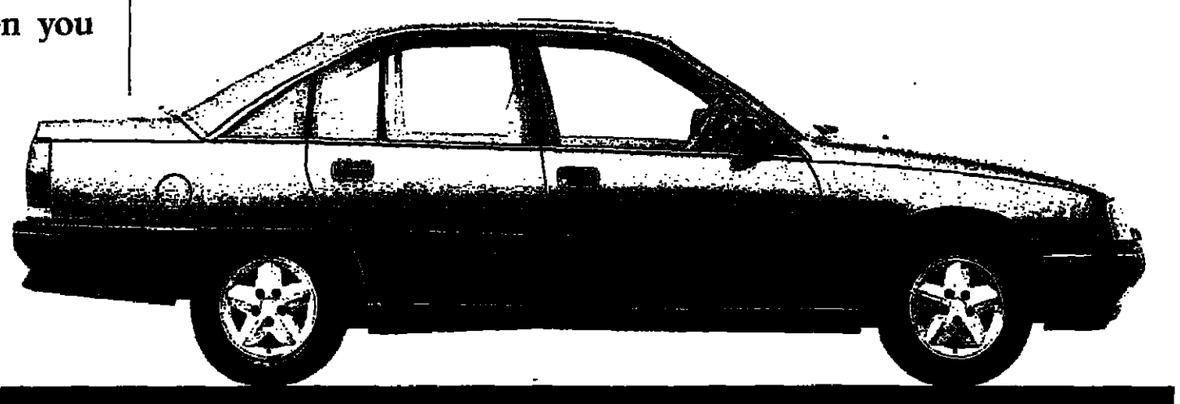
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TIMES DIARY

BARBARA AMIEL

I wasn't quite sure about the new face of the People's Republic of China until I saw the face of my taxi driver outside the Hua Ting Sheraton Hotel in Shanghai. The American who shared the taxi with me had refused to pay our full fare on the grounds that it had taken 75 minutes for what should have been a 15-minute trip and as a result he had missed a visit to the local carpet collective. Personally, I thought the taxi driver had done him a favour, the Chinese open-door policy to tourists having more in common with a souk than Saks.

All the same, an hour later the taxi driver was still outside the hotel waiting for the rest of his fare, his thin face and body jerking back and forth as if he had rabies. When I went out to pay him I saw that it was plain terror that contorted him so. Without the money there would be questions and perhaps penalities, and at the very least trouble. In the totalitarianism that still enfolds China, the taxi driver is the permanent employee of the state and pretty much at the mercy of bureaucratic caprice.

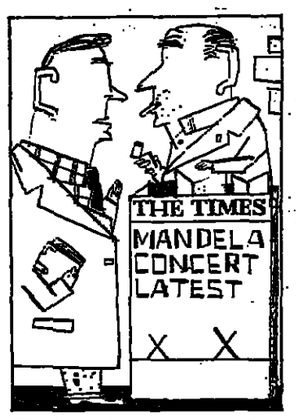
The guide accompanying the small group of us that landed in Peking at the beginning of last week introduced himself as Charlie. "China is a poor country," he said, "and we have a long way to go before we can house all our people." Charlie talked so winningly about "past mistakes" that I quite forgot that ideological jargon simply twists on itself and blossoms with some awful new weed such as "open-door policies". Yesterday's Red Guard is today's Joint Venture Officer.

Still, the Chinese are so adept at juggling whatever the new vocabulary may be with their own private view of things that one forgets that while a great deal of change has taken place on the surface, the fundamental nature of the society has not yet changed.

I certainly got rather muddled when, in Shanghai, I left the tourist group with whom I was travelling and wandered into a nightclub. There was a visible stiffening as I entered a fourth-floor room filled with youngish Chinese sitting sedately with soft drinks and tea listening to a very personable young man singing a Chinese song a la Johnny Ray. I sat down anyway and spent a pleasant twenty minutes.

"It is forbidden for foreigners to do that," said Charlie next day. "It could have caused trouble. The secret police let you stay." He would answer none of my following questions about the nightclub and its customers. The China of the Chinese remains as opaque as ever, a society where everything, including their nightclubs, must remain a state secret.

BARRY FANTONI



'Ten hours of pop music – the best place to be was jail'

Speaking for myself, I remain rather sceptical about change in Moscow and Peking but one wants to avoid the sad fate of Mark Twain's cat who, having jumped on the hot stove and got burned, refused to jump on the cold stove and got eaten up by the dog instead. Tyrannies do calm down after a passage of time, I suppose, once they have consolidated their power. This slow process of calming down has certainly been part of Soviet reality, with some stops and starts, ever since Khrushchev's 20th Party Congress speech in 1956. The desire of Mr Gorbachov, and perhaps Mr Deng, to eliminate the worst, the most cruel and the most inefficient features of acute tyranny is probably real. It may also be successful because it coincides with a natural tendency of human institutions in the long run.

Only a fool would say that this makes no difference. As author George Jonas pointed out, bad as a modern high-security prison is, who wouldn't prefer it to Devil's Island? But whether this is a "fundamental" change is a different question. Being incarcerated in either is still being in jail.

As I never tire of pointing out, it is only a matter of common sense that Mr Gorbachov would prefer to have absolute rule over a rich and efficient country rather than a land of shortages and economic chaos. It is also possible that Gorbachov, who is in a better position to judge the weaknesses and cracks in the Soviet monolith, regards this as a wise time to pull in the empire's horns a little. There may be a more propitious time to pick fights.

The really interesting question, of course, concerns the quite unforeseeable side-effects of the policies of Deng and Gorbachov. "It's so different from three years ago," one couple from Johannesburg gasped looking at the variety of clothing and colours on the people in Shanghai – and the linked animation and confidence of the people wearing them. In that sense the clothes Raisa Gorbachov likes to wear may be of more lasting importance than her husband's actual plans for his country or the world.

Last Tuesday night I was sitting in Maxim's (the Peking branch) having a chateaubriand and being very sniffy-nosed about the group of French paint salesmen who had taken over the restaurant. What, I wondered out loud, would Pierre Cardin, the owner of Maxim's, think if he could see the shirtsleeves and beer? At that moment M Cardin appeared with fashion designer Hanae Mori and several elegant models. When I left, an hour later, he was still posing for photographs, allowing wives to squeeze next to him for their husbands' flashbulbs.

Philip Jacobson on the appeal of continued *cohabitation*

Victory for the voters

Paris

For the first time in the history of the Fifth Republic, the French have declined to entrust a newly (and resoundingly) elected president with a secure parliamentary majority to implement his policies. However the small print of Sunday's decisive round of voting is being interpreted by *la classe politique*, whatever the scope for strategic alliances that may permit François Mitterrand to continue to govern within limits, the country has evidently decided that a middle-of-the-road National Assembly is now required.

The degree of sophistication with which France's rank-and-file electors juggled their votes to achieve this desired balance further underlines the emergence of a broad majority that rejects the divisive old battle lines between hard left and unyielding right.

In fact, the trend towards the centre was clearly evident in the three national elections France has experienced since 1986, perhaps even longer. An increasing proportion of voters – 80 per cent or thereabouts – has gradually turned its back on the guerrilla warfare of the "traditional" parties: the past two years of government by *cohabitation* between Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac was a lot more popular with the public than with the politicians.

The problem has always been deciding which particular patch of the centre ground the French hanker after. On Sunday, as on previous occasions, they contrived to divide more or less straight down the middle between the Mitterrand brand of socialism and the moderate right, as represented this time by the old Union for French Democracy wing of the conservative alliance.

Appropriately, it was Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, whose centrist credentials have been very much on parade recently, who on Sunday introduced a dash of Gallic logic into the flood of punditry that followed the first results. Voters had decided that power could not safely be handed to any single party, he declared: "... they are telling French leaders that they want the two halves of France to work together."

Easier said than done? A period of considerable *incertitude*, accompanied by hectic manoeuvring offstage, is probably on the cards. Even Mitterrand, the great manipulator, will have his work cut out deciding how and with whom to form a government, let alone which ministers to appoint to fit a new political landscape.

The Elysée Palace faithful may still refuse to contemplate the idea, but many observers will have concluded that he got the mood of the country badly wrong in deciding on National Assembly elections so soon after his own landslide victory. It is one thing to preach the joys of *ouverture*, of creating an opening to the centre, when you expect to sit on a handsome parliamentary majority; quite another when an apparently demoralized conservative opposition bounces back with a vengeance.

As Mitterrand well knows, Sunday's vote, extreme fringes apart, constituted an unmistakable popular endorsement of *ouverture*, and as such imposes certain limits. Statistically, he appears to be dependent on the Communists for a working majority in parliament, a rerun of the result of the 1981 general election. But most French today understand that the far left, consigned to electoral oblivion by many commentators (this one included), emerged comparatively well, in large part because of a strategic voting pact with the Socialists.

Even if the veteran Communist leader, Georges Marchais, had not already ruled out another shot at participating in government with the president who chewed him up and spat him out last time, the country as a whole is clearly opposed to any such deal.

So it looks like the centre or nothing for Mitterrand, in the longer term at least. While the present government of Michel Rocard (who did not look a very happy man on Sunday night) could probably go it alone for a while – given benevolent neutrality from the other parties – there is a limit to how far it can limp along totally unaided.

In normal circumstances that would provide the more centre-minded factions on the right with significant political leverage. But there are already indications that a looming war of succession, barely suppressed during the election campaign, could undermine the conservative alliance hastily cobbled together before the election.

Who, after all, has the best claim to the future leadership of what is now the official opposition? A former president, Giscard d'Estaing, and two former prime ministers, Chirac and Raymond Barre, have already begun skirmishing for position, while several other ambitious contenders are waiting none too patiently in the wings for the action to begin.

Mitterrand has, of course, seen all three of the big names off once before and can now be expected to exploit the tension between them with the skill that has earned him the nickname of Le Florentine.

And so to the stretcher case, Jean-Marie Le Pen, last heard of informing the nation in forceful language that personal defeat in Marseilles and the reduction of the National Front's parliamentary forces to a single deputy proved how "undemocratic" the election had been all along. While Le Pen knew perfectly well that, deprived of proportional representation, his party was in for a hiding, rejection by the same Marseillais who had given him the lion's share of their votes in the presidential contest – probably resenting his "parachuting" into one of their constituencies as much as the extreme right-wing politics – will certainly have stung an outsize ego.

So does this mark the beginning of the end for the National Front as collector of several million protest votes against everything from North African immigration to street crime, the permissive society and youth unemployment? Absolutely not, Le Pen insisted on French television, hair-trigger temper barely under control. "There is no relation between a political movement and its political representation."

In any case, he assured us, National Front candidates will fight seats throughout the country in the coming municipal and Euro elections and he will run for mayor of Marseilles. Shrewd, wealthy and immensely ambitious, Le Pen is built to last the roughest course. Even without a seat in the National Assembly, he will make sure his strident voice continues to be heard.

Conor Cruise O'Brien

Moderation holds the line

A friend in Belfast summed up the present situation with the words: "They aren't winning either". By "they" he meant the murderers in the IRA and similar organizations. The "either" was a wry acknowledgement of the chronic lack of apparent progress by the moderate forces in Northern Ireland.

That's a more cheerful thought than may appear at first sight. For if "they" are indeed not winning, the moderates are not doing so badly. For nearly 20 years now the Provisional IRA has been trying to promote a major Protestant backlash against the Roman Catholic population, believing that it would benefit in two ways.

First, a Protestant onslaught would cast the IRA in its role of predilection as "defenders of the people", meaning the Catholics. (The IRA calculates, probably correctly, that "the people" would forget that it was the IRA which had provoked the attacks in question in the first place.)

Second, the IRA believes that the British, under the strain of having to cope with violence by both communities, would decide to withdraw from Northern Ireland. And then we Irish can get on with our civil war in peace, as it were.

The IRA has failed, so far, to provoke such a Protestant backlash. That is what is meant by "they are not winning". It is true that there has been some increase, since Enniskillen, in the incidence of what are called "sectarian" murders. (Murders of Catholics by Protestants are generally classified as "sectarian"; murders of Protestants by Catholics as "political". In fact both kinds of murders are both sectarian and political.) But on the whole the response of the Protestant community to the protracted campaign of murder which is being waged against it has been remarkably restrained.

At this point I should touch wood. The marching season is approaching: a time of year not traditionally conducive to displays of Protestant moderation. All the same, there is more moderation around, most of the time in the Protestant community, than outsiders seem generally to be aware of. If that were not the case, things would already be a lot worse in Northern Ireland than they actually are.

On Thursday I attended a meeting of moderates in Belfast City Hall. These were moderates drawn from both communities and from both sides of the border. They are members of the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations. This body, which celebrates its golden jubilee this year, has as the first of its aims "To foster through the initiative of its individual members more neighbourly relations between those Irish people who differ from each other in politics and religion."

The association is, in fact, about agreeing to differ: a useful accomplishment, and one in short supply in Ireland as well as in some other parts of the world. We were there in the City Hall to hear about some of those other parts, from an authority: the Commonwealth Secretary General, Sir Shridath Ramphal, better known as Sonny Ramphal. There were certain anomalies in the situation and the context.

There was, for example, that banner with the legend "Belfast Says No!" This is the banner that used to adorn the façade of the City Hall. For legal reasons it had to be taken down from the façade, and it was then put up inside the courtyard, in such a way that any person who enters the portals of the City Hall gets an eyeful of it. For many members of the Irish Association, it was a somewhat unprepossessing eyeful.



What Belfast says "No" to is of course the Anglo-Irish Agreement signed at Hillsborough on November 15, 1985. Now the Irish Association has officially taken no position on the agreement because its members are divided on the matter on lines that chillingly correspond to the lines of religious division in Ireland. I would guess that 95 per cent of the "Southern" membership is in favour of the agreement, while the Northern membership is split – about 60 per cent against, 40 per cent for. If the association had tried to take a position on the agreement it would simply have dissolved into its Catholic and Protestant components, contrary to the whole *raison d'être*. So the association, properly and sensibly, decided to take no position. The principle of agreement to differ had survived what was probably its most severe test, at least since 1945.

Two and a half years ago the Hillsborough Agreement was advertised as something that would promote "reconciliation between the two traditions" in Ireland. Anyone who may still believe that one should consider this line of potential division on that matter inside the Irish Association. The agreement's purported reconciliation tends to split precisely those people who are trying to foster "more neighbourly relations".

The Ramphal meeting was presided over, in a dignified and impartial manner, by the present Lord Mayor of Belfast, Alderman Nigel Dodds. This again may have slightly disconcerted some of those present. Alderman Dodds is a member of the Democratic Unionist Party, an organization whose contribution to "more neighbourly relations" tends not to be appreciated in the Republic. Yet there was Alderman Dodds, behaving with impeccable neighbourliness, even though some of the things Sonny Ramphal said might have grated on Democratic Unionist ears.

There was, for example, that tribute to the late Sean McBride; not a fulsome tribute, it is true, but still a tribute. The Lord Mayor of Belfast did not bat an eye. Another victory for agreement to differ.

Sonny Ramphal's review of Commonwealth affairs was impressive and ecumenical, and earned him a standing ovation. He reminded us of the Republic of Ireland's contribution to the development of the Commonwealth (and here again the Lord Mayor did not bat an eye). Ramphal told us that the formula which enabled India to be a republic while remaining a member of a Commonwealth headed by the British monarch was one that had originated in Dublin.

The irony is that it was precisely the fact that this formula was being worked out with the Indians that precipitated Ireland's own departure from the Commonwealth. Sean McBride, who was the Republic's Minister for External Affairs in 1949, told members of his department – of whom I was one at the time – that once India became a republic, and remained within the Commonwealth, it would be much more difficult for Ireland to leave.

After all, what was becoming the Indian formula – recognizing the British monarch as the symbolic head of a free association of nations – had been invented by Eamon de Valera in 1922. Who could find fault with that? So now was the time to jump, or be stuck in the Commonwealth for ever. So reasoned Sean McBride, and out we went.

A pity, I think. The good thing about staying in the Commonwealth, for the former subject people, is that it means coming to some kind of terms with the period of subjection, and with the large modification that brought about the culture and outlook of the peoples concerned. If you can't come to terms with that, you end up with a large chip on your shoulder and are a nuisance to yourself and everybody else. But if Sonny Ramphal wants Ireland to come back into the Commonwealth, it's Charles Haughey he needs to convince, not me.

All in all, a good day in Belfast. "They're not winning either" is the best message I've been able to bring back from there for quite some time.

I must admit, however, that back in Dublin on Sunday evening they weren't much interested in any news from Northern Ireland or anywhere else except Stuttgart, and Ireland's soccer win over England.

Commentary • HUGH MONTEFIORE

Wealth is for giving

During a recent preaching tour of the United States I was being entertained to dinner with typical American hospitality by a couple whom I had never met before.

My hostess, who was shrewd, wealthy and devout, turned to me and said: "You know, Bishop, in this country we have no class divisions: everything turns on money." She paused, and added: "But people don't get to the top unless they give a great deal of it away."

The tradition of American philanthropy hit me in the eye when staying in St Louis, in the Midwest. I drove past hospitals, schools and universities founded by wealthy individuals. I was taken to a distinguished performance by an opera company sustained entirely by public subscriptions. I basked amid the landscaped beauty of botanical gardens which are no burden to city or state.

Meanwhile in this land our present administration carries on apace the Americanization of Great Britain, reducing government controls, privatizing national bodies, winding down welfare provisions, and enlarging opportunities for entrepreneurial initiatives. But one conspicuous ingredient is still missing – the tradition of American philanthropy.

Of course, Britain is by no means as affluent as the United States. But we are getting richer. The Thatcher government has put much more money into the bank accounts of the wealthy. Statistics show little change in the distribution of our capital wealth, while the rich are getting much larger net incomes and the poor comparatively less.

Church leaders may not have fully appreciated in the past the need for wealth creation, but they are on firmer ground in questioning this "bias for the rich". They would be wise, however, to come to terms with reality and accept a situation they cannot change.

If the rich today have more money (and especially those who have recently made large capital gains), they must be encouraged to make voluntary contributions towards needs for which the Government now gives less money.

Many people, of course, do contribute to charities. The larger contributions, however, come not from individuals but from public companies or trusts set up by past benefactors. One or two outstanding philanthropists, such as the donors of Wolfson and Robinson Colleges in Cambridge, have not inspired many others to follow. Neither civic pride nor local loyalty has resulted in large gifts by individuals to civic universities or to local cultural institutions, despite urgent needs due to cuts in government spending.

The possessors of huge inherited wealth or those who have recently amassed it for themselves can scarcely be said to have queued up to help the inner cities by contributing to The Prince's Trust or the Church of England's Urban Fund. It is socially acceptable in Britain today to inherit a fortune or to make a mint of money and give nothing away.

In America the position is very different. Billions of dollars are given away each year, much of it by large corporations and charitable trusts. None the less, nearly half of all charitable giving comes from private donors. And a very high proportion of this is in the form of large donations.

The position is best seen by looking at a single city. The metropolitan area of St Louis has a population of two and a quarter million. In two years $11 million has been given to its botanical gardens and in only five years $17 million has been raised towards the endowment of its symphony orchestra, while in an even shorter period more than $400 million has been donated to its University of Washington.

Donations by American church-goers are equally remarkable. In Colorado I visited Denver Cathedral parish which showed a surplus last year of $2 million. I stayed in another Anglican parish with an annual budget of nearly $1 million, a current church building programme of $1.8 million and 40 homes for the homeless to its credit.

I sought out a wealthy and intelligent benefactor to find out why rich Americans are so generous compared with their British counterparts. In the first place it is a more affluent country, with many more very wealthy individuals.

But why do they give so much more? Until recently American tax laws encouraged such benefaction. For some there is a measure of self-interest, for a city with amenities attracts to itself increased commerce and industry. Some people act from a sense of duty. Others genuinely want to show gratitude for their business success. And there are those who want to be socially acceptable. Most people's motives are mixed.

To donate large sums of money in order to be regarded as a leading citizen may seem morally dubious. It is different from giving as an expression of gratitude to God or as a personal response to the needs of others, but it does stimulate a wealthy citizen to repay his debt to the community, and it gives the lead to others.

Just as large increases of salary at the top fuel wage demands, so increased benefaction by the wealthy encourages others to give. It helps to create a new climate. It may even help to counteract the materialism which now threatens our society like a cancer and which substitutes selfishness for the earlier ideals of service and civic pride.

If we are to have increasing Americanization, we need also American standards of benefaction. It would be easier to find a moral basis for Mrs Thatcher's emphasis on the individual if the private benefactions of the wealthy bridged the gaps caused by cuts in public spending.

The author was formely Bishop of Birmingham.

JUNE 14 **ON THIS DAY** 1794

A column of miscellaneous news. Glowing reference is made to Admiral Howe's victory in the Atlantic when six French ships were captured and another sunk. In the prevailing mood of the country it is not surprising that Lord Stanhope felt the displeasure of the mob. He was a notable scientist – an FRS; his radicalism was extreme and his sympathy with French republicans was such that he styled himself "Citizen Stanhope".

LONDON

There is every reason to presume, that ROBESPIERRE's Committee of Safety, when the event of the disastrous capture of the FRENCH FLEET is known at Paris, will discover in it some treason of a new description, invented by MR PITT's Agents; and will make the guillotine the order of the day. It is also to be feared, that the Committee will defer to a very distant period, the plan of renewing the FESTIVAL of the 10th of August by SEA, announced by BARRERE, as to take place this year.

The discouragement which this irreparable defeat will occasion, at PARIS, with the additional loss of 10,000 seamen, and the despair it will produce in the Maritime Provinces of France, everywhere exposed to the enterprises of our ships; will certainly make a very deep wound in the hearts of the Jacobins.

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EARL STANHOPE has published an advertisement in some of yesterday's papers, complaining of the outrages of the mob, in breaking the windows of his house on Wednesday night; we detest as much as the Noble Earl does, every species of violence, on whatever party it may fall; but his Lordship is certainly the last man who ought to complain of the intemperance of the Sovereign Mob; since he confessed it was his pride to be a *Sans Culotte*.

The bread of *equality* which all the people in France are ordered to eat, is black, and of bad taste. The white bread comes to the share of the soldiery alone, who make a commerce of it, by selling their rations of it at a high price to their fellow citizens.

It was with the most sincere pleasure we noticed the general gaiety of the metropolis, and the zeal shewn by all ranks and descriptions of persons, to testify their joy on this happy occasion, of the triumph of his MAJESTY's arms; all the Public Offices were illuminated, particularly the ADMIRALTY, which looked beautifully; and not a lane or passage but put forth its lights. But it was still more gratifying to observe the decent, though lively transports of the people . . .

By letters, and travellers from different parts of the country, we find that the same joy has been manifested in every town and village, where the news of the VICTORY was known.

The following short epistle is said to have been received by that communicative Gentleman, JOHN BULL, Esq.

June 1st, 1794.

Sir,

The Bills drawn upon me by Public Expectation, for the capture of several French Line of Battle Ships, have this Day been duly honoured; and I trust you will be satisfied with my punctuality.

(Signed) HOWE

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ANGLO-IRISH DISAGREEMENT

The rejection by an Irish court of Britain's latest extradition request will provoke more than the annoyance and disappointment that have been felt in Britain on similar occasions in the past. It will provoke outrage.

The case of Patrick McVeigh was the first extradition case to be heard following the agreement of new rules for extradition agreed by Britain and Ireland a month ago. As such, it was a test: a test of Irish good faith, and a test of the competence of the British police. The result was failure.

Instead of the smooth legal process that might have been expected after such hard Anglo-Irish bargaining on the fine print of the extradition agreement, the result was no different from before. McVeigh was released on a technicaLity – and allowed to sprint off into the crowd. The Irish authorities, let alone the British, will be lucky to see him again.

From the perspective of London, this seemed a watertight case. Mcveigh was a convicted terrorist, and he was suspected of several bombings in Britain. Some of the doubts that may have attended other applications for extradition did not arise here. At very least, Mcveigh could have been expected to stand trial in a British court.

In the event, the case for extradition was scarcely considered by the Irish court. The judge chose rather to rely on a provision on which other cases for extradition have foundered: was Mcveigh the man the British police said he was? The judge said a British officer had to appear in court to attest to that fact. The British police said they had been informed it was unnecessary. There was no British policeman in court – and the case failed.

To some extent, the immediate apportionment of blame for the freeing of McVeigh depends on whose word is to be believed. But that is a secondary consideration. The main point is that the British police were given no opportunity to meet what the judge said was a crucial condition: the identification of McVeigh.

Even though the case had earlier been adjourned, no further adjournment was ordered. Nor was any attempt made to re-arrest McVeigh. The judge would have been as aware as the British that his release amounted to his disappearance into Republican refuge.

The British police are unlikely to have mismanaged the procedures in this of all cases. They knew that the case of Mcveigh was one of great sensitivity in the Irish Republic and they knew its potential political significance. Their case had to be doubly well prepared. The hard-won extradition agreement should have made that possible.

The release of McVeigh will be malign in every respect. He is already being hailed as a hero among his sympathizers in the Republic. He has been seen to have taken on the British under the new conditions, and won. Outside these circles, his freedom represents only a danger – and not just because another suspected terrorist is now on the loose.

The fact that McVeigh will not stand trial in a British court means that the much-publicized extradition agreement has failed its first test. Those who saw that agreement as an acceptable *quid pro quo* for the recognition of the Irish Republic's interest in the North and as a vital development of the Anglo-Irish agreement will feel they have been deceived. The unpopularity of that agreement will only grow so long as the Irish Republic seems unable to keep its side of the bargain.

OUT OF EUROPE

Sunday saw yet another disgraceful display of football-related hooliganism by English supporters, this time in West Germany. Afterwards, the Minister of Sport, Mr Colin Moynihan, spoke no less than the truth when he said that it now had to be asked whether the English could continue in international football on any terms at all. The football authorities should be asking themselves the same question.

English club teams are already banned from playing in Europe. Before the weekend, there had been slender hopes that UEFA might let them back in because of the general improvement in the behaviour of supporters over last season. Stuttgart was a great setback for those hopes; not because the violence was entirely unpredictable; nor yet because the England fans were the only guilty parties. Stuttgart was a setback rather because of the care that had been taken to ensure the least fertile conditions for violence. The British and West German football authorities and the police had taken all reasonable precautions. This time there could be no excuses.

Some reports of the Stuttgart violence suggest that West German fans may have triggered it. They may indeed have been aware enough of the implications to regard the provocation of England supporters as a particularly rewarding piece of mischief. Whatever the provenence of the violence, the result was the same. From now on, cities like Stuttgart cannot be expected to host representatives of English football, local or national, because the likely violence and damage are more than they should be asked to sustain.

The Football Association might well ask itself whether England should continue to take part in the present championships. Should we perhaps withdraw before another failure on the pitch eliminates our team anyway. Many in England might in any case be more relieved than disappointed by another defeat: the prospect of the national team playing in the European final is a most alarming one, given what may happen on the terraces or on the streets.

There should certainly be no quarrel and no talk of national humiliation if the West German authorities resort to draconian measures for the next game involving England – tomorrow against The Netherlands. A total official ban on the sale of alcohol in a wide area round the ground, before, during and particularly after the match might be a first step. The local police and prosecuting authorities might also be advised, in the wake of Stuttgart, not to give England football supporters the impression that the standard penalty for violence is mere deportation. The standard penalty for those found guilty should be imprisonment, in the local jail.

After the current championships, a decision to withdraw the England national side from international competition until hooliganism is either cured or conquered has much to commend it. It would certainly be more honourable and dignified than waiting to be banned. It would also demonstrate an appropriate mood of national contrition. It should also spur the FA and the League to more vigorous action. They have so far promised much, but achieved little. There can be little doubt that hooliganism associated with the national side arises directly from the culture of violence which surrounds local club support. The hooligans are the same people, whichever colours they happen to be wearing.

Until now, the football authorities have appeared to accept that there is such a thing as a "tolerable" level of hooliganism. They have seemed reluctant to accept measures which will reduce the "gate" at home matches and reluctant to accept that violence in the streets after the game is anything to do with them at all. When the Prime Minister meets the leaders of the English football authorities on Thursday, she would be right to tell them that the patience of many more England supporters than were rioting in Stuttgart is rapidly running out.

COHABITATION II

Not so long ago, a freshly-elected President Francois Mitterrand was worrying (or so it was said) about how he would cope with a National Assembly overrun by Socialists. His dream of consensus politics would be shattered, as his own party's radical left, enjoying a large majority in Parliament, bullied the Elysée's grand old man into an unrealistic legislative programme. As M. Mitterrand searches for the good news in last Sunday's poll, he might reflect that this is one fate he has been spared by the electorate.

But the good news must seem in rather short supply. Thirty years since Charles de Gaulle created the Fifth Republic, restoring political stability to France, the nation has returned to the politics of uncertainty and risk.

Exactly how uncertain and how risky those politics are, will depend to a large extent on Francois Mitterrand. But he will need all his skill and experience to succeed. Ideally he would have liked a working Socialist majority – though not so large as to breed complacency. He would then have felt in control, bestowing political favours while commanding the ring in the centre of French politics.

As it is, rather than play the part of ringmaster, he must learn how to survive as a high-wire act. Without a secure majority in Parliament, he must govern with the consent of other parties.

When the Socialists won the 1981 election, M. Mitterrand installed four Communists in his Cabinet. But they walked out in disgust when he felt obliged by financial circumstances to opt for a programme of economic austerity.

The veteran Communist leader M. Georges Marchais is now in a rather different position, since M. Mitterrand is in need of some support. But Marchais has already ruled out the prospect of an alliance, unless the President steers an unwavering left-wing course. It is hard to see M. Mitterrand doing this – and it would certainly be unpopular in France.

The message clearly delivered by the people, is that they too favour a path of moderation. To the electorate it matters little whether the President is down in the ring or up on the high wire – as long as he keeps his balance in the middle. The last two years of *cohabitation*, when a Socialist president was combined with a right-wing Prime Minister, was unpopular with the politicians themselves. But the nation was relieved by its built-in checks and balances. The signal conveyed to the Elysée by the people, is that they want more of the same – or something like it.

M. Mitterrand is expected to woo the centre-right, in the hope of arranging a marriage of convenience. For this he has several advantages to draw upon. In Michael Rocard, the Prime Minister he appointed last month, he has a Socialist of the centre who, in theory, has a broadly-based appeal. A second asset is the underlying disunity of the right. It may prove harder than pundits think to detach the centre-right from their more conservative allies. But some centrist politicians have already hinted at their willingness to talk business.

As the opinion polls got the election so badly wrong, by predicting a safe Socialist majority, one must question whether much more faith should be placed in them. But the weekend's results tend to bear out the general preference for consensus. Where the pollsters got it wrong was in supposing that those who said "Socialist" would actually vote. Most were happy enough with the arrangement that existed, they were lukewarm on the issues of adversarial politics – and fatigued by their fourth election in two months.

If M. Mitterrand's negotiations failed, he would have to manage France through a minority Government. The Socialists would have to administer France on their own, through a series of different deals on each issue. But one can keep up a balancing act for only so long. President Mitterrand needs a safety net in Parliament if the Government is going to do more than just survive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Issue of fair play for shareholders

From Mr L. W. Orchard

Sir, I am surprised that Sir Hector Laing (Business and Finance, June 2) draws a distorted picture of shareholders in British companies. It is true that financial institutions do hold substantial percentages of shares in British companies, but their interests, like those of individual shareholders, are much the same.

Boards of directors will get little support from any shareholders when the board cling on to their (the shareholders') cash with dividends covered three times or more. They smugly talk of profit increases of 30 per cent and a rise in earnings per share, but they only increase the already historically low dividend by, say, 15 per cent when it ought to be increased by 50 per cent.

The board then go on to draw substantial pay increases (more than the dividend increase when expressed as a percentage), avail themelves of substantial share options, delay payment of dividends as long as they can (six months after the year end is common) and then wonder why shareholders get fed up.

I suggest that Sir Hector and all other chairmen of British companies devote a little more time to cultivating shareholder loyalty – which in turn depends upon shareholders being treated adequately or even generously – a factor which some boards of directors facing the prospect of "take-over" seem to have forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
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St Peter Street,
Marlow, Buckinghamshire.
June 2.

From Mr C. J. Casserley

Sir, Sir Hector Laing and others are calling into question the activities of shareholders who sell when bidders, overseas or otherwise, appear in the market. While I have great sympathy for the predicament of managers of businesses who find bids "unwelcome", I feel Sir Hector and those who think like him are missing the point by at least a mile.

Their mistake is to assume that either the fund manager or the private shareholder sees a particular share in isolation, rather than as part of a portfolio. Speaking for my own modest holdings (not, alas, including Rowntree) the preservation of real capital value is a constant concern when, even in these days of lower inflation, money is losing half its value every 12 to 16 years. In this context, a sudden increase in the value of one part of a portfolio is more than welcome, compensating for other less happy events.

Shares are securities, not membership cards to a club, and their value is a product of the market, taking many factors into account which are quite outside the control of a company's management: interest rate expectations and currency fluctuations, for example.

To stick with a share when common sense is saying take the profit is stupid. As one who has held on to favourite shares in the past, I know.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. CASSERLEY,
108 Hamilton Terrace, NW8.
June 6.

From Mr E. Kelvin Osborn

Sir, Sir Hector Laing's attack on irresponsible takeover bids delights me. At last someone in a position of authority has burst this bubble of lunacy that sweeps round the world every 24 hours.

Let us have a wholehearted struggle to get investors and fund managers to take investment seriously: not gambling, but supporting companies and their workers.

Yours faithfully,
E. KELVIN OSBORN,
1 Courtenay Road,
Tavistock, Devon.
June 2.

Pension surpluses

From Mr C. M. Stewart

Sir, The letters by Mr G. D. Bernstein (May 28) and Mr D. W. G. Sawyer (May 9) are timely in drawing the attention of the Occupational Pensions Board to the need to start with the trust deed and rules in determining the legitimate interests of those concerned in the operation of occupational pensions schemes. A number of actuaries, myself included, have been knocking at this door for some time, but it has remained firmly shut – or possibly been opened an inch or two. Perhaps the OPB will succeed in opening the door fully.

The problem, however, lies deeper than ensuring that the trustees have proper regard for the legitimate interests of pensioners and deferred pensioners. The clue to this can be found in Mr Sawyer's reference to "actuarial surpluses" as distinct from "surpluses".

Surplus is determined by comparing assets and liabilities. Actuarial surplus is determined by comparing assets and "actuarial liabilities". The problem is that actuarial liabilities represent a funding target which is almost invariably higher than the accrued liabilities stemming from the trust deed and rules.

In principle, the more money there is in the fund the better from the point of view of the members. However, depending upon how the deed is framed, this frequently leads directly to the problem of identifying the legitimate interests of the pensioners, active members and the scheme sponsor in the assets surplus to the scheme's legal obligations. It is then often claimed that members have "reasonable expectations" to receive more than their entitlement under the trust deed and rules.

The solution is for the scheme sponsor and members together to agree what members' reasonable expectations are under the scheme and to reflect this as an entitlement in the trust deed and rules. There should be a marriage between the funding target and members' entitlement. The trustees' problem would then be very much reduced.

Yours sincerely,
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June 1.

PMs and prelates

From the Reverend David Greenhalgh

Sir, The temperate attitude to religion of Melbourne and Churchill (letter, June 6) is possibly even better illustrated by Lord Melbourne's remark to the Archbishop of York, who invited him to attend the evening service: "No, my lord; once is orthodox, twice is puritanical".

Nevertheless, the zealous "twicer" is a breed which continues even now, although another of Melbourne's remarks would need rewording today. To the young Queen he commented: "Nobody is gay now; they are so religious".

Yours truly,
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June 6.

Animal lore

From Mr Jeremy E. Conway

Sir, The article on today's Parliament page (June 10) introduced by the caption, "When is a horse not a horse?", reminds me of a recent Court of Appeal decision on the lease/licence distinction, *Antoniades v Villiers* (1988) (report, March 23) in which Bingham, LJ said:

> A cat does not become a dog because the parties have agreed to call it a dog. But in deciding whether an animal is a cat or a dog the parties' agreement that it is a dog may not be entirely irrelevant.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY E. CONWAY,
24 Belvedere Avenue,
Alwoodley,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
June 10.

Cause and effect?

From Mr. E. G. Abel

Sir, I enjoyed a certain juxtaposition of books at Heathrow last week. The "shuttle" departure lounge had Liz Taylor's book, subtitled *Weight Gain, Weight Loss, Self Image & Self Esteem* next to Tom Wolfe's *The Bonfire of the Vanities*.

Yours faithfully,
E. G. ABEL,
56 Telford Avenue, SW2.
June 9.

No 1 Poultry

From Mr R. T. D. Wilmot

Sir, The views of Charles Knevitt (article, June 7) praising the Stirling proposed replacement for the eight listed buildings on the Mansion House Square site clearly demand respect; but they differ from those of most of the local workers around Cheapside.

As a churchwarden of St Mary-le-Bow and a City of London councilman for the local ward, I find that the loss of the much-loved buildings is viewed with dismay by those working in the area.

I am constantly approached by local workers, welcoming the corporation's refusal to grant planning permission and fearing the loss of the existing buildings, which Charles Knevitt would be sad to see disappear altogether. They particularly deplore the way that the bulky new design fails to reflect the scale of the near by Mansion House.

Yours faithfully,
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June 7.

Pressure in schools

From Mr K. J. Brookman

Sir, The National Association of Head Teachers wisely draws attention (report, June 4) to some of the problems of running State schools.

As a head who retired from a comprehensive, which had a very good reputation, at the age of 60, I know of some colleagues who did not serve their full term. Some died before reaching the age of 65; among others who retired early, many had serious illnesses first.

These head teachers were both competent and committed. Yet in many independent schools full-time teaching ceases at 60, and it might help State schools if they used a similar rule.

In independent schools, too, heads are often appointed for a limited term of up to 15 years. This, too, could avoid burnt-out leaders, for a head can be at the helm too long to remain effective.

Running a comprehensive in particular is a very complex and demanding task. Heads should not only be talented, but trained before they start their duties. Such a measure is long overdue, and would raise educational standards as well as reduce stress.

Yours sincerely,
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Great Waltham,
Essex.
June 4.

Into battle

From Mr J. V. Corcoran

Sir, The TV film, *Tumbledown*, shows the Scots Guards in action wearing berets and not steel helmets. Surely if Lieutenant Lawrence (letters, June 3, 4, 7, 10, 11) had been wearing a helmet he would not have been so badly injured by the sniper's bullet.

Yours faithfully,
J. V. CORCORAN,
5 Hill Farm Court,
Edwalton, Nottingham.

Holding the past against refuseniks

From Mr Jonathan Arkush and Mr David Halpern

Sir, We were among the British lawyers who were refused and then belatedly granted visas to attend the International Bar Association's seminar in Moscow (report, June 8 and letter, June 9). Emigration was one of the subjects specifically discussed during the session on human rights, the Soviet position being put forward by leading academics and officials. The visiting lawyers heard various arguments advanced by the Soviet speakers in order to justify the restrictions imposed on emigration from the USSR, including the following:

1. Social security and health care were better in the USSR than in Western countries and the USSR wished to protect its citizens against the consequent disadvantages of going abroad.
2. Many who wished to emigrate were psychic cases, drug addicts and the like, whom it would be unfair to impose on other countries.

During our visit we met many refuseniks, none of whom appeared to us to be unduly enthusiastic about the advantages of the USSR system of social security; nor did we meet any suffering from mental illness or drug addiction. As was to be expected, they were keen to find out whether the Soviet speeches offered any ray of hope that the restrictions on emigration would be relaxed. We had in all honesty to tell them that nothing of substance had emerged.

As to the views of the refuseniks themselves, they were uniformly of the opinion that in significant respects their difficulties were becoming worse. In particular, there are more than 2,000 persons who have been prevented from emigrating on the ground of their alleged past knowledge of what are officially termed "state secrets". The average period of time since individual members of this group were involved in allegedly secret work is now nine years, and periods of 15 or even 20 years are becoming commonplace. In the so-called dark years before the advent of Mr Gorbachov the average secrecy period was five years.

It would seem that in the field of human rights *glasnost* and *perestroika* are not making much headway.

Yours faithfully,
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June 10.

Coal dust and illness

From the Managing Director of British Coal's Opencast Executive

Sir, I am surprised and a little disturbed that you report Dr Mark Temple's highly contentious opinion on opencast coal mines ("Coal dust is blamed for town's illnesses", June 6) without comment from British Coal's Opencast Executive.

In written evidence to a public inquiry held in March and April, 1988, Dr Temple stated:

> Our research into the illnesses in our community is far from complete. We would not normally seek to present our figures at this stage. However, the implications of this present inquiry are so important that we feel obliged to present the facts in their present imperfect state.

On such an imperfect basis you report "links between high levels of serious illness and dust from opencast mines" as fact.

British Coal's own senior medical officer in South Wales, Dr Huw Davies, who has spent the whole of his working life in the South Wales region, said in evidence to the same inquiry that the fears expressed by Dr Temple were unfounded and have not been substantiated on an epidemiological basis.

The chief administrative medical officer for the West Glamorgan Health Authority, in a letter on our file, refers to an earlier statement of Dr Temple's thesis and states

> while I am aware it represents his sincerely held views, I do not consider that his conclusions can be justified by the evidence presented.

I would not normally enter into public argument on such specialised matters. However, I believe it essential to distinguish between fact and speculation in the debate which surrounds opencast coal mining in the UK.

Yours faithfully,
R. PROCTOR,
Managing Director,
Opencast Executive,
British Coal,
Hobart House
Grosvenor Place, SW1.
June 6.

Choir losses

From Commander F. N. Ponsonby, RN

Sir, The problem of boy trebles in town and village parishes (report, May 20; letters, June 7, 11, 13) stems from the declining commitment of head and other teachers in Church schools to the Anglican faith and to traditional ties with the parish churches.

Parish choirs are rarely able to provide the teaching and stimulus needed to recruit and retain boys without the full-blooded support of a local Church school; or even, as in this parish, that of a musically well-endowed independent school near by.

I recall the late Lord Ramsey telling me that although he would not die in a ditch about the abolition of a an independent sector in education *per se*, he would stand up and be counted if such a policy switch led to the demise of the great choir schools.

I have the honour, etc,
FRANCIS PONSONBY
(Choirmaster, All Saints', Steep),
Lythe Farm Cottage,
Steep,
Petersfield, Hampshire.

From the Director of the Royal School of Church Music

Sir, Although many will applaud Mr Fairbairn's comments (June 7), I must take issue with him on "the near-disappearance of boy trebles from parish church and school choirs".

In my not inconsiderable experience of conducting many diocesan choral festivals up and down the country each year, I am greatly heartened by the number of boys and girls singing in church choirs, frequently doing so with much enthusiasm and expertise and with a commitment which many adults might do well to emulate.

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL DAKERS, Director,
The Royal School of Church Music,
Addington Palace,
Croydon, Surrey.
June 8.

Transport subsidies

From Mrs E. H. Lewin

Sir, Dr Tony Ridley, Chairman of London Underground, should not pretend that the opposition (of whom I was one) in 1983 provided obstacles to the efficient running of London Transport as a whole, including buses as well as Tube (report, June 10).

Dr Ridley who, we all recognise, is a most distinguished railway engineer, seems to assume that a transport professional must necessarily take a narrow accountant's view of his job, and a short-term view at that, and must rule out the social aspects.

We have seen how the narrow and short-term views of Beeching led to a disastrous decline in rail transport, and the subsequent development of serious road and traffic problems and the collapse of rural transport.

The policies which were being promoted on the board were not initiated by the professionals, but by Sir Keith Bright [Chairman and Chief Executive, London Regional Transport], the Department of Transport, and the minister.

The policies were not in essence professional ones, but political ones. The professionals allowed themselves to fall under the spell of Government policies, to which Sir Keith is so warmly devoted.

These policies were, and are, dogmatically committed to reducing subsidy as an end in itself, and to this end promoting the break-up of London Transport with a view to privatising as much of it as possible. It was obvious that this would lead, and in fact has led, to a preoccupation with cost-cutting as the dominant element in policy. The claim that this has led, or could lead, to a better service for users, which Sir Keith has put forward on occasion, is absurd, as all Tube and bus travellers today know.

Jane's Urban Transport Systems, 1986, shows levels of subsidy ranging from Turin, with 87 per cent, Los Angeles 69 per cent, Montreal 38 per cent, London 30 per cent (it is now even less).

Yours faithfully,
ELEANOR H. LEWIN,
23 Colman Court,
Christchurch Avenue, N12.

A flea in one's ear

From Mrs R. H. C. Vaux

Sir, My daughter and I have just returned from a most enjoyable summer afternoon watching tennis at the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's Club, London.

Enjoyable, that is apart from the persistent shrill interruption of seemingly countless portable telephones amongst fellow spectators.

None of the conversations we were forced to listen to appeared to be either important, urgent, or even interesting!

Could not this arrogant practice be banned? Most of us want to escape the telephone for a while.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN VAUX,
Greenhill House, Otham,
Maidstone, Kent.
June 7.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
June 13: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales and The Duke of Kent held a Chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter in the Throne Room, Windsor Castle at 12.15 pm.

The Princess of Wales was present.

The following Knights Companion were also present: The Duke of Northumberland, the Viscount De L'Isle, VC, the Lord Ashburton, Sir Cennydd Traherne, the Earl Waldegrave, the Earl of Longford, the Earl of Drogheda, the Lord Shackleton, the Marquess of Abergavenny, the Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, the Earl of Cromer, Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Elworthy, the Lord Hunt, Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, the Duke of Norfolk, Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Lewin, the Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, the Lord Carrington, The Lord Callaghan of Cardiff.

The Officers of the Order were: The Bishop of Winchester (Prelate), the Marquess of Abergavenny (Chancellor), the Dean of Windsor (Register), Colonel Sir Colin Cole (Garter), Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell (Black Rod) and Mr Hubert Chesshyre (Secretary).

The Queen invested the Viscount Leverhulme and the Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone with the Insignia of Knights Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later gave a luncheon party.

The Installation Service was held in St George's Chapel this afternoon.

By comand of The Queen, the Lord Somerleyton (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the arrival of Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia and welcomed His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 13: The Princess Royal this evening attended the premiere of *A Handful of Dust* at the Cannon Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 in aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled and the Save the Children Fund.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 13: The Prince of Wales this evening attended a dinner hosted by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor for Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, at the Mansion House, London EC4.

Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Wishing Well Appeal, this evening attended the Wishing Well Tennis Classic at the David Lloyd Racquet Club.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 13: Mrs Mubarak, wife of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, visited The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon at Kensington Palace this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 13: The Duke of Gloucester today attended a luncheon hosted by the Prime Minister for Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, at No 10 Downing Street, London SW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning visited Northampton General Hospital and opened the CAT Body Scanning Unit. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened St Thomas' House (sheltered housing scheme for the elderly), 74 St Giles Street, Northampton.

The Duchess of Gloucester, attended by Mrs Euan McCorquodale, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE.
June 13: The Duke and Duchess of Kent arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this morning from Australia.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 13: Princess Alexandra was present this afternoon at the opening of "Nature in Art", the International Centre for Wildlife Art at Wallsworth Hall, Sandhurst, Gloucester.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Mary Mumford.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

COMMANDERS: R S Collins, Illustrious Nov 19: R A Cotton, Herald in Cmd Sept 5: P J L Kelly, QHM Gibraltar Nov 8: W H Kelly, MOD London Oct 14: M W G Kerr, Broadsword in Cmd June 22: M J Norman, SA Lisbon July 25: A R Pyke, SHAPE Dec 16.

Retirements
COMMANDERS: J P Clarke, Aug 20: M D Goodwin, Aug 6: C M Rose, July 29: P Taylor, Aug 27.

The Army

MAJOR GENERAL: M J Wilkes, to be Comd 3 Armd Div, June 17.

COLONELS: P J Brenchley, to SHAPE, June 13: P Jones, to HQ AFNORTH, June 13: J E J Lane, to Aldershot Gar, June 13: J J Ropes, to be Comd Cal & Cal Reg, June 13: A J Morley RACC, to DISA, June 15: I J Sowers LI, to be CO 7 LI, June 13.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAINS: M J Perridge, to RAF Henlow, June 13: E M Hancock, to HQRAFSC as Principal Matron, June 13.

WING COMMANDERS: R Springett, to 16MU Stafford, June 13: I Marshall, to HQ 18 Gp, June 13: P F Morley, to 2 TWU Chivenor, June 17: J Morgan, to CTTO High Wycombe, June 17: K W Iloud, to RAF Odiham, June 17: M A Clegg, to MOD AFD, June 17: P J Day, to RAF College Cranwell, June 17: J A King, to HQ 1 Gp, June 17: D K Norrish, to SC, Maxwell USA, June 19: R McCluskey, to RAF Halton, June 6: M J Smith, to RAF Leuchars, June 6: P A Wilkins, to RAF PMC, June 6: J Beardsmore, to MOD (AFD), June 6.

Birthdays today

Dr Sir James Black, pharmacologist, 64; Dr Rupert Bruce-Mitford, archaeologist, 74; Dame Florence Cayford, former member, LCC and GLC, 91; Miss Steffi Graf, tennis player, 19; Mr Justice Higgins, 61; Mr Burl Ives, actor and singer, 79; Sir Dermot MacDermot, diplomat, 82; Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald, 85; Sir *Gerrard Peat, chartered* accountant, 68; Lord Rootes, 71; Sir John Townley, former president, Preston Conservative Association, 74; Mr Sam Wanamaker, actor, director and producer, 69.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner at Speaker's House last night for heads of departments and staff of the House of Commons. The guests were:

Miss Priscilla Baines, Mr and Mrs Michael Barrant, Mr and Mrs Clifford Boulton, Mr and Mrs Maurice Bryant, Mr and Mrs Ian Church, Mr and Mrs James Coates, Mr and Mrs Robert Collins, Chief Superintendent and Mrs Alan Coxon, Mr and Mrs George Cubie, Mr and Mrs Peter Harvey, Mr and Mrs Ronald Haynes, Mr and Mrs Edward Holland, Mr and Mrs Julian Holland, Mr and Mrs Derryck Nicholls, Mr and Mrs Anthony Poole, Mr and Mrs Bryan Sewell, Mr and Mrs Clive Wainwright, Mr Thomas Warboys and Mr and Mrs Roger Willoughby.

Corporation of London

The Prince of Wales attended a dinner given by the Corporation of London last night at the Mansion House in honour of Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia and Commander of the National Guard. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests who included:

Sheikh Ibrahim Abdullah Al-Angary, Sheikh Alawi Darweesh Al-Kayal, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdulmohsin Al Turwairi, Sheikh Nasser Al-Rashi, Prince Turki bin Abdullah Bin Mohammed Al-Saud, Mr Abdulmohsin Bin Abdulaziz Al Tawairi, Mr Muhammad Al-Tobaishi, the Ambassador of Kuwait, the Ambassador of Qatar, the Ambassador of Oman, the Ambassador of Bahrain, the Charge d'Affaires of the United Arab Emirates,

The Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr Norman Fowler, MP, Mr John Wakeham, MP, Lord Belstead, Mr David Waddington, MP, Mr Richard Luce, MP, Mr David Mellor, MP, Lord Trefgarne, Lord Chalfont, Lord Prior, Lord Pym, Lord Denman, Lord Elliott of Morpeth, the Hon David Douglas-Home, Mr Julian Amery, MP, Mr David Howell, MP, Mr Benzil Davies, MP, Dr A A Mugahrani Al-Ghamdi, Sir David Orr, Sir Ernest Harrison, Sir Peter Walters, Sir George Blunden, Mr L G van Wachem, Mr R H Walley, Mr Graham Day, Mr Roy Withers, Mr N H Baring, Miss Daphne Park, Mr Colin Pincombe, Mr Colin Craig, Mr Matthew Carrington, MP,

Professor Nehmya Gressels, Mr Miles Litmewort, Mr Geoffrey Owen, Mr Michael Checkland, Colonel Nigel Bromage, Mr Richard Evans, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, Sir Patrick Wright, Sir Stephen Egerton, General Sir Nigel Bagnall, General Sir Charles Huxtable, Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Reffell, Sir Colin Chandler, Air Vice-Marshal R I Stuart-Paul, the Hon Archibald Hamilton, MP and Mr Charles Powell.

Institute of Public Relations

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP, Chairman of the Panel of Judges of the Sword of Excellence Awards, presented the Sword of Excellence to Mr Gordon Knight at a luncheon of the Institute of Public Relations held yesterday at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Mr Tony Spalding, president of the institute, welcomed the guests.

Conservative Group for Europe

Lord Young of Graffham was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given last night by officers of the Conservative Group for Europe at St Ermin's Hotel.

Limousine fit for a backward boy?

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The number plate YOB 1 is expected to push the price of a 1962 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud up some £5,000 at Sotheby's sale of classic motor vehicles next Monday. This is partly due to uncouth appeal of its message, but mostly due to the fact that, since 1974, the car has been owned by Dave Hill of the pop group, Slade.

The limousine was ordered from the 1962 Motor Show and it carries stereo equipment with eight speakers, a dictation microphone, picnic tables and a cocktail cabinet, not to mention special holders for cut crystal glasses. Resprayed in tasteful primrose and gold, it is estimated to sell at up to £25,000.

There was a bidding dual between an English dealer on the telephone and a number of rivals at the Guy Loudmer auction in Paris on Sunday, for a painting of a defensive looking woman in a red dress, sitting slumped on a sofa. By the Irish Impressionist and friend of Gauguin, Roderick O'Conor, its price rose to three times its estimate at FF 64,000 (£6,040, not including 17 per cent buyer's premium).

High prices at the general modern art sale included "Les Ballerinas sur scene" by Jean-Louis Forain, a painting of diaphanous dancers pirouetting through dry ice, which fetched FF260,000 (£24,500), nearly double its estimate. A bronze abstract relief by Fernand Leger sold for five times its estimate at FF 162,000 (£15,300). Le Honard, a painting by Bernard Buffet, who was active in the 1950s, fetched FF 260,000 (£24,500) against an estimate of FF150,000, while an abstract of 1959 by Jean-Michel Atlan fetched FF450,000 (estimate FF 140,000). A similar composition from the same date fetched double its estimate at £18,800.

The International Ceramics Fair closed last night at the *Dorchester hotel* in London with representatives crowing at their sales. The most expensive item, a Sevres Louis XVI wine cooler made for Versailles, and one of the last pieces in private hands, had sold for "in excess of £190,000" to a European institution, while the least expensive was an 18th century Chinese Famille Rose saucer, at £30.

Sotheby's Indian, Himalayan and South-East Asian art sale in London yesterday was patchy, with nearly a third unsold. Top lot in the first session was a Tibetan silver figure of the 8th or 9th century *Buddhist siddha* Mahasiddha Virupa, sitting on a double lotus throne. It sold for £13,200.



Mrs Suzanne Mubarak, wife of the President of Egypt, listening intently to the International Publishers Association's congress at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, Westminster, yesterday. In the afternoon she visited Princess Margaret at Kensington Palace (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.S. Ball
and Mrs S.E. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Clifford Stanley Ball, of Bryn Du House, Llanbedrog, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, and Susan Elizabeth Thomas (nee Davies), of Glyn Garth Cottage, Glyn Garth, Anglesey, formerly of Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire.

Mr K.M. Cobby
and Miss M.C. Cotterill
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Keith Michael Cobby, of Lancing and Maria Carol Cotterill, of Lindfield. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 18, at All Saints Church, Lindfield, Haywards Heath.

Mr E.G.N. Godbold
and Miss J.M.E. Burnett
The engagement is announced between Edward Giles Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs E.M. Godbold, of Hindhead, Surrey, and Joanna Mary Erskine, *daughter of Dr and Mrs G.B.* Burnett, of Pitsford, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.C. Gorman
and Miss C.P. Davis
The engagement is announced between Johnny Caruth Gorman, GM, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Gorman, of Killyleagh, Co Down, and Caroline Phillippa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G. Davis, of Evercreech, Somerset.

Mr W.R. King
and Miss F.S. Pershall
The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of the late Dr and Mrs Jeffrey D. King, formerly of Jersey, and Faith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Pershall, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, United States.

Lieutenant W.R.T. Lines, RN
and Miss S.J. Haigh
The engagement is announced between *William*, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lines, of Ash, Kent, and Sarah, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Jonathan Haigh, of Bryantspuddle, Dorset.

Mr M.D.B. McKerchar
and Miss L.J. Sellers
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs John McKerchar, of West Wittering, Sussex, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr Mark Sellers, of Boughton Aluph, Kent, and Mrs Patricia Hallet, of Tankerton, Kent.

Mr A.D. Mayhew
and Miss C.A. Coggan
The engagement is announced between Anthony Mayhew, of Broom Ham Farm, Chiddingly, East Sussex, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Coggan, of West Tytherley, Hampshire.

Mr M. Mourant
and Miss F. Jones
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.N.B. Mourant, of Swinford, Leicestershire, and Felicity, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs N.P. Jones, of Upton, Hampshire.

Mr W.A.L. Murdock
and Miss S.A. Buckler
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Eric Murdock, of Eltham, London, SE9, and Stephany, daughter of Mr and Mrs Humphrey Buckler, of Bledington, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.F. Stocks
and Miss C.E. Johnson
The engagement is announced between *Julian Fraser*, son of Mr and Mrs P. Stocks, of Dore, Sheffield, and Catherine Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs N.A. Johnson, of Sandbach, Cheshire.

Mr J.R.E. Tinker
and Miss L.M. Thornton
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Major G.M. Tinker and Mrs M.E. Tinker, of Slindon, Sussex, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Thornton, of Hampton, Seale, Surrey.

Mr D. Trimmer
and Miss C.M.S. Eaton
The engagement is announced between Derek, only son of the late Mr L.C. Trimmer and Mrs Sheila Trimmer, of Brentford, Middlesex, and Caroline, daughter of the late Colonel C.F. Eaton, OBE, RTR, and Mrs P.J. Gooding, and stepdaughter of Mr P.J. Gooding, of Sarratt, Hertfordshire.

Mr C. Wilson
and Mrs F. Baillie Lowis
The engagement is announced between Craig, son of Mr John Wilson, of Spring Court, Dockenfield, Surrey, and Frances Baillie Lowis (nee Sanders), daughter of Captain and Mrs Tom Sanders, of Moulshay Farmhouse, Sherfield-on-Loddon.

Mr A.B.N. Wright
and Miss L.S. Burnett-Stuart
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr Peter Wright, of Cheltenham, and Mrs Barbara Hume, of Cambridge, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Burnett-Stuart, of Berden, near Bishop's Stortford.

Luncheons

Prime Minister

The Duke of Gloucester was present at a luncheon given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of *Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz* Al Saud, Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia and Commander of the Saudi Arabian National Guard. The other guests were:

Sheikh Ibrahim Abdullah Al-Angary, Dr Alawi Darweesh Al-Kayal, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdulmohsin Al Turwairi, Sheikh Nasser Al-Rashi, Prince Turki bin Abdullah Bin Mohammed Al-Saud, Mr Abdulmohsin Bin Abdulaziz Al Tawairi, Mr Muhammad Al-Tobaishi, the Ambassador of Kuwait, the Ambassador of Qatar, the Ambassador of Oman, the Ambassador of Bahrain, the Charge d'Affaires of the United Arab Emirates,

The Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr Norman Fowler, MP, Mr John Wakeham, MP, Lord Belstead, Mr David Waddington, MP, Mr Richard Luce, MP, Mr David Mellor, MP, Lord Trefgarne, Lord Chalfont, Lord Prior, Lord Pym, Lord Denman, Lord Elliott of Morpeth, the Hon David Douglas-Home, Mr Julian Amery, MP, Mr David Howell, MP, Mr Benzil Davies, MP, Dr A A Mugahrani Al-Ghamdi, Sir David Orr, Sir Ernest Harrison, Sir Peter Walters, Sir George Blunden, Mr L G van Wachem, Mr R H Walley, Mr Graham Day, Mr Roy Withers, Mr N H Baring, Miss Daphne Park, Mr Colin Pincombe, Mr Colin Craig, Mr Matthew Carrington, MP,

Professor Nehmya Gressels, Mr Miles Litmewort, Mr Geoffrey Owen, Mr Michael Checkland, Colonel Nigel Bromage, Mr Richard Evans, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, Sir Patrick Wright, Sir Stephen Egerton, General Sir Nigel Bagnall, General Sir Charles Huxtable, Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Reffell, Sir Colin Chandler, Air Vice-Marshal R I Stuart-Paul, the Hon Archibald Hamilton, MP and Mr Charles Powell.

University news



Mr Derek Roberts, FRS, (above) joint managing director of GEC, has been appointed Provost of University College London, the first provost to be appointed from industry. He succeeds Sir James Lighthill next April.

Marriages

Mr B.H. Jellett
and Mrs H.A. Mains
The marriage has taken place in the United States, on May 14, of Mr Benjamin H. Jellett, The Glebe, Straffan, Co Kildare, to Mrs Harriet A. Mains, Tanner's Cottage, Nesley Farm, Westonbirt, Gloucestershire.

Mr S. Lloyd
and Miss E. Suzuki
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 11, at St James' Church, Grimsby, of Mr Simon Lloyd to Miss Etsuko Suzuki.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles-Auguste de Coulomb, physicist, Angoulême, France, 1736; Harriet Beecher Stowe, novelist and reformer, Litchfield, Connecticut, 1811; John McCormack, tenor singer, Athlone, Co Westmeath, 1884.

DEATHS: Sir Henry Vane, Parliamentarian, executed London, 1662; Benedict Arnold, American Revolution officer, later a traitor, London, 1801; Giacomo Leopardi, poet, Naples, 1837; Robert Brown, botanist, London, 1858; Edward Fitzgerald, translator of *The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám*, Merton, Norfolk, 1883; Alexander Ostrovsky, dramatist, Schelykova, Russia, 1886; Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette, London, 1928; G K Chesterton, writer, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 1936; Maksim Gorky, writer, Gorky, Russia, 1936; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Bexhill, Sussex, 1946.

The first non-stop flight across the Atlantic was made by Sir John Alcock and Sir Arthur Whitten Brown in 15hrs 57mins, 1919.

The Germans entered Paris, 1940.

Bridge

Twenty-nine teams, all bridge champions of their county or area associations, contested the national final at Birmingham over the weekend where Hertfordshire won the Pachabo Cup by just half a point from Merseyside and Cheshire.

RESULTS: 1. Hertfordshire 186. 2. *Merseyside and Cheshire 184½*. 3. Staffordshire 174. 4. Hampshire and Isle of Wight 171½. 5. Middlesex 169½. 6. Nottinghamshire 169.

Hertfordshire team: T.D. Dickson, M.C. Hancock, R. Gibbons, C. Horsley, A. Kay, D.J. Walker.

International Publishers Association

The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were the guests of the Hon Sir John Sainsbury, Chairman of the Royal Opera House, at a performance of *Anna Bolena* by Gaetano Donizetti, with Dame Joan Sutherland singing the role of Anne Boleyn, which was given at the Royal Opera House last night for the twenty-third Congress of the International Publishers Association. The evening was sponsored by Mr and Mrs Paul Hamlyn. *The guests included:*

Mrs Suzanne Mubarak, Dr Federico Mayor, Mr Natwar Singh, Mr Wang Meng, Dr and Mrs Dzingai Mutumbuka, Mr Wole Soyinka, Dr and Mrs Samir Sarhan, Mr Shahid Alikhan, the Egyptian Ambassador and Mrs Sharara, the High Commissioner for Zimbabwe and Mr Murerwa, Mr and Mrs Johan Somerwil, Mr and Mrs J Alexis Koutchoumow, Mr and Mrs Michael Turner, Mr Clive Bradley, Mr and Mrs Rayner Unwin, Viscount and Viscountess Blakenham, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, and Lady Borrie, Professor Lalage Jean Bown, Sir John and Lady Burgh, Mr Richard David and Baroness David, Dr and Mrs Richard Hoggart, the Very Rev Michael and Mrs Mayne, Sir Claus Moser, Mr Gerry Neale, MP, and Mrs Neale, Sir David and Lady Orr, Dr David Owen, MP, and Mrs Owen, Sir Edward and Lady Pickering, Lord and Lady Roll of Ipsden, Professor George Steiner and the Earl and Countess of Stockton.

Meetings

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Ahmed E.H. Jaffer, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of Pakistan, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday evening at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
At the annual general meeting of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants held at the Café Royal in London on June 11, Mr Ronald B. Kett was elected president of the Institute for 1988-89. Mr Ronald Giffin and Mr Dudley Mead were elected vice-presidents.

Maureen Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava wishes to thank those who have written to her regarding Sheridan. Alas, an operation on her finger has made personal replies impossible.

Lord Taylor

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Stephen James Lake, Lord Taylor, of Harlow, MD, BSc, FRCP, FRCGP, will be held in the Crypt Chapel of *the Palace of Westminster on* Tuesday, June 28, at noon. Tickets are available on application to Dr Stephen Lock, editor, *British Medical Journal*, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JR.

Bradfield College

The 1988 Greek play will be the *Alcestis* of Euripedes, produced by Andrew Whiffin. Performances will take place in the Greek Theatre at Bradfield on June 25-30, and in Greece at Thassos on July 29 and 30 and at Philippi on August 1. Further details from and ticket applications to The Play Secretary, Bradfield College, Reading, Berkshire. Telephone: 0734 744208.

Alleyn's School Dulwich

The following awards have been made:

Saddlers' Scholars: Helena Braun, Dulwich Hamlet Jnr School; Thomas Brick, Honeywell Jnr School; Rebecca Evans, Dulwich Hamlet Jnr School; Andrew Marshall, St James's School; Keith Morby, Crofton Jnr School; Benjamin Shepherd, Dulwich Hamlet Jnr School.

Music Scholars: Helen Field, Dulwich Hamlet Jnr School; Corinne Friend, Dulwich Hamlet Jnr School.

Foundation Scholars: Clare Spencer, Brooklands Primary School.

Sixth Form Scholar: Katharine Glinsborg, Streatham Hill and Clapham High School.

1988 Kennedy scholarships

The Trustees of the Kennedy Memorial Trust announce that Kennedy scholarships for the academic year 1988-89 have been awarded, as follows:

Harvard University: E. Batts, Keble College, Oxford, public administration; J. Bushell, Magdalene College, Cambridge, architecture; H. Powell, Balliol College, Oxford, international affairs and security; and W. Wade-Gery, New College, Oxford, public administration.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Sara Connell, Sussex University, business management; Callum Barclay, St Andrews University, computer science; Mark Griffiths, Exeter College, Oxford, economic policy co-ordination; David Millibard, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, political science; Robert Moncrieff, Strathclyde University, technology and policy; Bruce Normand, Churchill College, Cambridge, solid state physics; Mark Roberts, Magdalen College, Oxford, atmospheric earth sciences.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel of The Grenadier Guards, will visit the 2nd Battalion at Caterham at 10.30.

Princess Alexandra will attend the opening of the exhibition "French Paintings from the USSR : Watteau to Matisse" at the National Gallery at 6.30.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Adam Brace, of Balliol College, to be President of the Oxford Union Debating Society for Hilary term.

OBITUARY

LOUIS L'AMOUR

Evoking the Old West

Louis L'Amour, the novelist, who died in Los Angeles on June 10, aged 80, was the doyen of writers on the Wild West.

His eighty-odd novels, written in a gunslinging prose which recalled the abrasive bark of his beloved Colt Peacemaker, hymned what he saw as the virtues of the old West, the toughness, self-reliance, and integrity. These qualities were reflected in in such titles as *The Iron Marshal, Ride the Dark Trail, The Quick and the Dead*, and *How the West was Won*.

Many of his novels and stories were made into successful films, notably *Shalako*, starring Sean Connery and Brigitte Bardot, and *Stranger on Horseback*, featuring Joel McCrea.

A self-educated son of the Big Country himself, L'Amour nevertheless deprecated his image as an unlettered purveyor of pulp. His research into Western matters was meticulous, and he underpinned mythology with a convincing presentation of fact.

Woe betide the presumptuous rival who dared to write inaccurately on what could or could not happen in a gunfight. A fictional exchange of fire between opponents toting Winchester 73s which went on for more than a dozen shots each without the combatants reloading, could safely be dismissed as the work of a tyro. And, much though he loved the weapon, L'Amour could not stomach the exotic ranges at which duels with the Colt 45 were fought out on celluloid.

Louis L'Amour was born in Jamestown, North Dakota, in 1908. His great grandfather had been killed by the Sioux, and he grew up, riding and hunting in the West. He earned his living in many diverse trades: prize fighter, tugboat deckhand, lumberjack, gold prospector and deputy sheriff.

He was already a prolific short story writer when his first novel, *Hondo*, was published in 1953. It was an instant success, and remained his most popular book. John Wayne starred in the movie.

Hondo was followed by eighty more novels, and a host of short stories.

L'Amour retained his Dodge City face and frontiersman's physique until well into his seventies. He disliked the vogue for debunking the Wild West which sprang up in the 1960s, regarding as a betrayal of his country's history any sugestion that certain of the West's lawmakers were in fact brutish poltroons who preferred the close range shot in the back to the duel in the open street.

But his work retained huge popularity. President Reagan was an admirer of it, and this led to L'Amour's receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984. He had awarded the Congressional Gold Medal the year before.

As Tex Burns, he wrote a number of stories about Hopalong Cassidy.

L'Amour leaves his widow, Katherine, and a son and a daughter.

MR FRANCIS RITCHIE

Mr Francis Ritchie, CBE, who died on June 12 aged 71, played a highly formative role in the national parks and countryside protection movement in England and Wales from the 1930s to the present day.

Ritchie was responsible for the drawing of the boundaries of ten National Parks, sometimes after the holding of public inquiries when conflicts of interest existed; he played a particularly strong role over the Dartmoor and Brecon Beacons Parks.

His backstage influence in the voluntary conservation movement was second to none.

In 1936, when still only 20, Ritchie had found himself the youngest-ever member of the *national executive committee* of the Ramblers' Association and from there was co-opted on to the Standing Committee on National Parks, an alliance of national organizations then campaigning for the creation of national parks.

When, with the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, that was achieved, Ritchie was appointed by Lord Silkin, the Minister for Housing and Local Government, to the National Parks Commission on which he served for 17 years until shortly before its reorganization into the Countryside Commission in 1968.

Ritchie was also for 12 years a member of the Water Resources Board.

Ritchie's greatest love was for the National Parks; most important perhaps was his quiet belief in the importance of conserving them for future generations. This guided the commission through many a difficult decision, led by his unobtrusively stated but firm principles.

Born in Birmingham the son of an electrical goods manufacturer, Ritchie's love for the countryside quickly became a dominant force in his life.

At school in Ampleforth he admired the wild open spaces of the North Yorkshire Moors. As a young industrialist himself in the 1930s he had joined the ramblers' movement as a means of getting out into the countryside among congenial company.

In the last decade of his life Ritchie had wide influence throughout the conservation movement. As a vice chairman of the Council for the Preservation of England Rural, he chaired its planning sub-committee for 15 years and remained active within the Ramblers' Association and the Open Spaces Society.

But his affection for, and influence over, the National Parks movement remained profound. He served as treasurer and more recently vice chairman of the Council for National Parks. He was made CBE last year.

Ritchie leaves a widow, Pat, and three children.

MR HORIA GEORGESCU

Mr Horia Georgescu, a prominent Romanian emigré who made Britain his home, died on June 7 at le Lavandou, southern France, at the age of 74.

He was one of the founders of the British-Romanian Association in 1965, and its secretary-general for 20 years.

He had started life as a diplomat but after the Communist takeover in his country he made a second career as a journalist and writer on the free Romanian cause.

He became a leading figure in emigré circles, never tiring of criticizing the Soviet occupation and in defending human rights in his native land.

A sharp polemicist, Georgescu was the signatory of many a "letter to the editor" whenever he judged that Romanian national interests were affected.

Born in Mizil, Romania, son of a First World War widow, he graduated simultaneously in literature and philosophy and law in 1936 and was awarded a PhD in 1938.

Joining the Romanian Foreign Office in 1937, he started what was to be a brief but promizing diplomatic career. He served in Jerusalem and Rome before going in March 1946 to Paris as first secretary.

He resigned, together with most of his colleagues, after the Communist takeover and the forced abdication of King Michael in December 1947.

Now an exile in London, he became a journalist and was a diplomatic correspondent for the French news agency, AFP, between 1949 and 1979.

Georgescu's most prominent traits were his humour — sharp but never malicious — his perseverance and his uncompromising democratic stance.

In 1955 he married Patricia Helen Higgins, who survives him.

In the obituary of Dick Brennan (May 20) it was stated that he was cook on the transatlantic voyage of *Mayflower II*. Though Brennan was a member of that crew, the ship's cook was Mr Walter Godfrey.

American varieties add glamour to iris show

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

Some highly acclaimed American varieties added a touch of glamour to the British Iris Society's early summer show held over the weekend at Wisley Garden in Surrey.

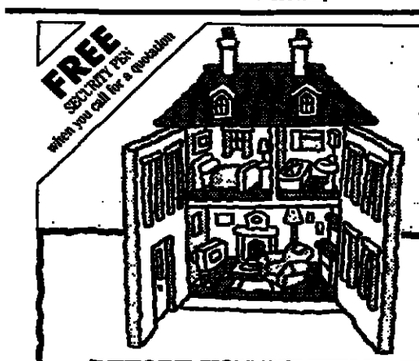
Admired for their unusual colour combinations and ruffled petals, these bearded irises were shown by several exhibitors including Mrs M. Foster, of Powys, Wales, who gained most points at the show.

Her exhibit of American varieties, for which she was awarded the Ilse Clason Smith memorial bowl, included the well-ruffled mauve and buff "Wayward Angel".

Mrs Foster also gained the Insole Challenge Cup for nine spikes of bearded irises, including the American herbal ruffled "Master Touch". Also in the bearded iris classes, amateur breeder Mr A. Sedgwick, of Gloucester, was awarded the Peckham Cup. His exhibit of six varieties included the popular brown show variety "Chippendale".

Mr B. Dodsworth, of East Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, gained the Taylor trophy for the best new bearded iris, an unnamed variety of his own raising in pale blue with ruffled flowers and beautifully domed standard petals. He was also awarded the Pesel challenge bowl for bearded irises of his own raising, including the bright yellow "Sanderling" and ruffled violet "Paradise Bird".

The best spike in the show was bearded variety "Mill Race", light blue with flared petals, showed by Mr J. G. Grint, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. He gained the Josephine Romney Towndrow trophy.



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BIRTHS

SOUTH-CLEBORN - On June 8th 1988, to Julia (née Miller-Smith) and Edward, a son, Augustine

CARTWRIGHT - On June 11th, 1988 to Jacqueline (née George) and Andrew, a son, Henry Frederick.

CARY - On Sunday June 12th, at Hunstwood, to Joanna and Lucius, a son, Horatio Henry Hopley.

CHEETHAM - On June 7th, in Oxford, to Janet (née Stockwell) and Tony, a son, Richard Anthony, a brother for Emily Clare.

CRABBE - On Wednesday 8th June 1988 in Jeddah, Saudia Arabia to Fiona (née Stewart of Coll) and Colin, a daughter, a sister for Thomas.

FEERAN - On June 8th, at The Whittington Hospital, Highgate, to Jane (née Madgwick) and Richard, a son, Thomas Richard (Tom).

FREEMAN - On June 8th, in Sidney, Australia, to Kamala (née Nixon) and Quintin, a son, Maximillian Stuart (Max).

GOUDIE - On June 7th, at Derby Regional Hospital, W. Australia, To Heather (née Viles) and Andrew, a daughter, Amy Louise.

HEWITT - On June 7th to Philippa (née Baker) and Robert, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth, a sister for George.

McCANN - On June 8th, 1988 to Clare (née Lewis) and Christopher, a daughter Eleanor Joan, a sister for Edward and Katharine.

REED - On June 8th 1988, to Nigel and Pauline, in Toronto, Canada, a son, Gareth Alexander Hamilton.

ROSENBERG - On June 10th, 1988 to Jacqueline (née Levene) and Jeffrey, a son, Justin, a brother for Natasha and Daniella.

SCHULTZ - On June 11th, to Diane (née Saterman) and Michael, a daughter, Rosanna Amy.

SWIFT - On June 13th, to Wenche and Brian, a girl, Camilla, a sister for Nicholas and Charlotte.

WRIGHT - On May 23rd, at Atiku Maternity Hospital, Tokyo, to Debbie (née Ford) and Sydney, previously of Peterborough, a daughter, Laura Louise.

MARRIAGES

CLONEY:DUDLEY SMITH - On June 11th, 1988 in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster, Andrew Francis, son of Mr and Mrs Francis Cloney of Wimborne, Dorset to Charlotte Jane, elder daughter of Sir Dudley Smith MP of Weston-under-Wetherley, Warwickshire and Mrs Tim Fortescue of London and Winchester.

LARNER:HEMPSTEAD - On Saturday June 11th, at Great Beddow Parish Church, Between Mr Simon Larner son of Mr and Mrs David Larner of Kelvedon, Essex, and Miss Clare Hempstead, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hempstead of Great Beddow, Essex.

RALLS:SHARP - On Saturday May 28th in Larchmont, New York, Dr Philip James to Frances Melissa

DEATHS

BENHAM - On June 10th, at Colchester General Hospital, Colin, much loved husband of Margaret and father of Caroline, Patrick, Martin and Roger. Funeral at Nayland Parish Church at 2pm on Friday June 17th, followed by cremation at Colchester. Family flowers only but donations to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

BOULTON - On June 10th, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Christopher Charles Raymond, beloved brother of Jennifer, uncle of Jeremy and Michael and great uncle of Jonathan, Samantha, Dominic and Nicholas. Funeral at Slough Crematorium on Friday June 17th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Harrods Funeral Service 01-957-0372.

COCKBURN - On June 10th 1988, peacefully at home after a protracted illness most bravely borne, Esther, deeply loved wife of Jim and greatly loved mother of Suzy and Grant. Service at Radditch Cremalorium on Thursday June 16th at 2.30pm.

COX - On June 12th, 1988 at Amesbury Abbey, on the eve of his 83rd birthday, Major General W.R. Cox C.B., D.S.O. Loving husband of Deedee. Funeral Service at Amesbury Parish Church on June 17th at 2 p.m. followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations to Imperial Cancer Research may be sent to G.W. Burden, Funeral Directors, Amesbury. Memorial Service to be notified.

CUMMINS - On June 3rd, in her 93rd year, Florence Rosalind Cummins MBE, formerly of Barclays Bank and sister of the late J. W. and R. M. Cummins, Sudan Government Service. Family Cremation. Memorial Service to be arranged. Details from Commander A. E. Cummins R.N., 92 The Common, Broughton Gifford, Melksham, Wilts SN 12 8ND. Tel (0225) 782323.

DE KLEE - On June 12th 1988, peacefully in Oban, Violet Virginia (Bobs) of Auchnacraig, Isle of Mull, much loved by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Craignure Church at 1.30 pm on Wednesday June 15th.

EVERARD - On June 9th, 1988 in Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Fred (Frederick Alfred John Beatty CBE), beloved father of Rosemary, Michael, William and Gillian and brother of Ethel. Funeral service St Nicholas Church, Southfleet, Kent at 11 a.m. on Monday, 20th June. Family flowers only. Donations "In memory of Fred Everard", British Heart Foundation, Langthorne Hospital, Langthorne Road, London E11 4HJ.

FARQUHARSON - On June 10th, in New York after a brief illness, Audrey Margaret Mary (née Howard) widow of R.D. Gillespie of Guy's Hospital. Beloved wife of David and mother of Christina.

FORSTER - On June 11th, peacefully after a very short illness, Yvonne Teresa, much loved mum of Jill, Roger and Julie. Now rejoins King. Cremation Thursday 16th June.

GESSLER - On June 11th, peacefully at The Brompton Hospital, Edith, beloved widow of Hans, and mother of Henry, Julia and Claire. Funeral 3.30pm, Wednesday 15th June at Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations to the charity of your choice.

GOLDBERG - On June 10th 1988, suddenly in France, Donald Arthur Goldberg, of Street Ashton House, Stretton under Fosse, Rugby, aged 76 years, much loved husband of Veronica. Funeral private. British Cemetery, Dinard. Service of Remembrance St Ediths Church, Monks Kirby, Rugby at 2.30. p.m. Thursday June 23rd.

HAMILTON - On June 12th 1988, Professor Patrick Hamilton, suddenly in West Africa, much loved husband of Fiona and father of John Paul and Libby. Memorial Service later.

HODGKINSON - On June 8th, peacefully, Winifred Mary. Funeral private.

IRONSIDE - On June 12th 1988, peacefully at Saffron Walden, Henrietta Mary, devoted wife of the late Major P.W.A. Ironside, sister-in-law of Peggy and much loved aunt of Bill and Richard Stancomb. Private cremation. Memorial service to be announced later.

FANSON - On June 12th, peacefully at sunrise, John Alastair Peter, greatly loved husband of Geraldine, devoted father of Simon, Janey and Marcus, and a much loved pa to Jo, Sophie, Jonathon, Timothy, Duncan and Charlotte, of Halse, Taunton. Service and cremation at Taunton Dean Crematorium at 2 pm on Friday June 17th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St. Margaret's (Somerset) Hospice, Heron Drive, Bishops Hull, Taunton.

JAMES - On June 10th, 1988, Jonathan Frederick, adored son of Diana and the late Major H.F. James, brother of Humphrie and beloved fiance of Sarah Stowell. Funeral at St Bartholomew's, Haslemere, at 3pm, on Friday June 17th, 1988. No flowers, but donations please to National Art Collections Fund, 20 John Islip Street, London SW1. Enquiries Godfrey Luff 0428-3524.

LIDBURY - On June 9th, William Lewis, O.B.E. quietly aged 88 years. Funeral Service at 11 am. June 15th at St. Mary's Church, Great Dunmow, Essex. Flowers to Scales, 11 Castle St, Hertford or contributions to British Heart Foundation, 1 Market Street, Saffron Walden, Essex

LOBB - On June 11th 1988, at home, Peter Errington Guy Lobb, M.C., aged 77. Much loved father of Jane and Mary. Funeral at St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Bullington, Winchester on Friday 17th June at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal Tank Regiment Benevolent Fund, RHQ, Bovington Camp, Wilts.

LONGHOTTO - On June 12th 1988, Reginald Victor, peacefully at home after many years of physical confinement, borne with great courage. Remembered with deep love and pride by his loving wife Jutta, children Finn, Kari, Michael and grandchildren, relatives and many friends. Funeral Service and Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium, Wednesday June 15th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to The League of Friends, War Memorial Hospital, Milford-on-Sea, Hants.

MAAS - On June 11th, peacefully, in her 94th year, Marjorie (née Pope), widow of Oscar, beloved mother of Robert, Peter, Jeremy and the late Richard. Service and Cremation at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday June 16th, 10.15, a.m. private.

NEWTON - On June 11th, 1988 Neil, peacefully at home, beloved daughter of Joey and Emma, dear sister to Chloe. Funeral Service at St Peter's, Stonesby, Melton Mowbray Wednesday June 15th, 2 o'clock.

NORTHEY - On June 12th, suddenly at home Lt. Colonel Edward Northey D.L. and late 60th Rifles. Much loved husband of Angela and father of Celia, Martin and Caroline. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving to be announced later.

PEART - On June 11th, peacefully in hospital, Elizabeth Helen (Nan), beloved wife of Brig. Arthur Peart, mother of Trisha. Private family funeral. Donations, if wished, to the blind.

POPE - On June 12th, very peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital Midhurst, Hope, much loved wife of the late Dr Samuel Pope and mother of Phebe, Samuel and Jonathan. Funeral at St Luke's Church, Millland on Friday June 17th, at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only.

STREATFEILD - On June 10th, peacefully at home, Marjorie wife of the late Honourable Sir Geoffrey Streatfeild MC, DCL. Mother of Eve, Mary and the late June and grandmother of Henry and Joanna Shepherd, loving and beloved. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Chiddingstone Church Roof Appeal may be forwarded to W A Forsey & Son, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

TAYLOR - On June 11th, Lawrence Arthur (Laurie) Taylor, of The Beaches, Driffield. Dearly loved husband of Norah and dear father of Anne, Pamela and John. Service at The Methodist Church Driffield, on Thursday June 16th at 11.00 am. prior to interment at the Cemetery.

UNGERSON - On June 12th, 1988, peacefully after years of brave fight against cancer, Deirdre " Deirdre Gill IPM". Beloved wife of Bernard, darling daughter of Joan Rockingham Gill. Funeral service will be held at Randalls Park crematorium, Leatherhead on Friday June 17th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, but donations to Princess Alice Hospice Trust, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey, KT10 8NA.

WHITCOMBE - On June 9th, peacefully in Ventnor, Angela, much loved widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel A.C. Whitcombe and mother of Ann and Jill. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Seaview at 2pm Wednesday 15th June. Flowers may be sent to Ingrams, 18 Albert Street, Ventnor, Isle of Wight. Tel: 0983 852028.

WRIGHT - On June 11th 1988, peacefully at home in St Martin, Helston, after a fight against illness most courageously borne, George Charles William, aged 65 years, deeply loved husband of Dorothy (Dot), dearly loved father of Angela and Alex and loving grandfather of Hannah and Matthew. Funeral service on Thursday June 16th at St Martin's Parish Church at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund or St Martin's Church Window Restoration, c/o MJ Kaye & Sons, St Martin, Helston, Cornwall.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ALLEN - A Memorial Service for Duncan A.N. Allen will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, SW1 on Friday, July 1st at noon.

ALLHUSEN - A Memorial Service for Mark Allhusen and Andrew Hunt will be held in Radley College Chapel at 12 noon on Monday 27th June.

HUNT - A Memorial Service for Andrew Hunt and Mark Allhusen will be held in Radley College Chapel at 12 noon on Monday 27th June.

LOMAX - Requiem Mass for Michael RC Lomax to be said at Our Lady's Church, Hampton Court Way, Thames Ditton, Surrey on Monday June 27th at 11.00 am.

PORTER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Raymond Alfred James Porter O.B.E. will be held at St Michael's, Cornhill at 12.00 noon on Monday June 27th 1988.

WOLTON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Jenny Tomina Wolton, will be held at St Mary's Church, Paddington Green, London W2 on Thursday, June 23rd at 12 noon.

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Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, £8.50-£12.50.

☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.

☆ **JAZZ AND THE BLUE KITTEN:** English runaway in 1952 Greenwich village discovers jazz. First of a trilogy integrating modern jazz with theatre. Original jazz score by Jamie Talbot.
Soho Poly, 16 Riding House Street, W1 (01-636 9050). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.20pm, £4.50.

☆ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** Revival of 1987's jolly production; pray for good weather.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (01-486 2431). Tube: Baker Street. Preview tonight, 7.45pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.45pm, then in Rep with *The Winter's Tale*. £4.50-£11.

☆ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5987). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £8.50-£20.

☆ **WINNIE:** Musical aiming at a portrait of Churchill and missing.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

☆ **ZIEGFELD:** Spectacular musical based on the life of the man who made the famous *Follies*, and costing a bomb.
London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.45-5.30pm, £3.25-£21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

ASHFORD: ☆ **Don Juan:** Manchester's Royal Exchange tour with Jonathan Kent and Berbard Bresslaw in its only date in the South East.
Stour Centre, *Pannery Lane* (0233 39966), Mon-Wed 8pm, mat Tues 2pm, £6.50.

BROMLEY: ☆ **Time and Time Again:** Early Ayckbourn: love, cricket and a garden gnome.
Churchill Theatre, High Street (01-460 1401), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £5-£8.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
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BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY (18): Relentless version of Jay McInery's novel about an aspiring writer on the skids in New York. With Michael J. Fox, in his first stab at serious drama. James Bridges directs (107 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.40.

COP (18): Star vehicle for the incisively manic James Woods, cast as a Los Angeles cop buckling under pressure. He also co-produces (110 *min*).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20. **Cannon Panton Street** (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.50.

DOGS IN SPACE (18): Vivid kaleidoscope of young, aimless people in Melbourne during the late Seventies. Written and directed by Richard Lowenstein (109 min).
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 2.15, 4.25, 6.40, 9.00
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.25, 8.40.

■ **EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG):** J. G. Ballard's autobiographical novel about a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World War; filmed by Steven Spielberg with panache. With Christian Bale, John *Malkovich and Nigel Havers (153 min).*
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.35, 4.55, 8.00.

■ **HELLO AGAIN (PG):** Shelly Long as the wife who returns from the grave to find her husband otherwise engaged. Botched, romantic comedy with Judith Ivey (96 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.35, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 4.05, 6.15, 8.30.

■ **THE LAST EMPEROR (15):** *Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed* epic tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model communist citizen. With John Lone and Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 7.40.
☎ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 4.35, 7.55.
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ON THE BLACK HILL (15): British saga *of four generations living in the Welsh* border country. Written and directed by Andrew Grieve (117 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 5.20, 8.05.

CONCERTS

☆ **MORE END PIECES:** As another contribution to End Games, Kurt Sanderling conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Shostakovich's Symphony No 15 and Howard Shelley solos in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 491.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.20pm, £2-£14.

☆ **TWO SIEGFRIEDS:** The *distinguished tenor Siegfried Jerusalem* is accompanied by Siegfried Mauser in Beethoven's *An die ferne Geliebte*, Schumann's *Dichterliebe* and some Richard Strauss songs.
Wigmore Hall, 36, Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£7.50.

☆ **NOTTINGHAM NEWS:** André Previn conducts the RPO in Brahms's *St Anthony Variations*, Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No 1 (Viktoria Mullova, soloist) and Beethoven's Symphony No 4.
Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626 or 419741), 7.30pm, £5-£8.50.

☆ **NEW NICHOLLS:** Various artists gather to give the world premieres of David Nicholls's *Chiwe* and of his *Gonapteryx Rhami*, adding to these his 3 *Empson Songs* and *Siva Dances*.
Union Chapel, Upper Street, London N1 (01-359 4404), 7.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **SPANISH EVENING:** Alicia de Larrocha, the distinguished Spanish pianist, plays Falla's *Fantasia Baetica*, 3 of Granados's *Goyescas* and Mompou's *Impresiones Intimas* and *Musica Callada*.
The Maltings, Snape, Suffolk (072 885 3543), 8pm, £7.80-£13.80.

☆ **ALL SAWER:** Shelagh Sutherland plays David Sawer's *Solo Piano*, the Almeida Ensemble play his *Cat's Eye*, give the London premiere of his *Take Off* and the world premiere of his *Food of Love*.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404), 9pm, £3.50.

OPERA

☆ **MACBETH:** Royal Opera revival, with Renato Bruson in the title role and Elizabeth Connell singing her first Lady Macbeth here.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.45pm, £2-£55.

☆ **FIDELIO:** Strong revival of Joachim Herz's original production for English National Opera, now with Kathryn Harries as the Leonore.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.10pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **TOSCA:** Opera North's production by Ian Judge, with Edith Davies now in the title role.
Alhambra Theatre, Bradford (0274 752000), 7.15-9.45pm, £5-£15.

☆ **LA BOHEME:** Elijah Moshinsky's beautiful production for Scottish Opera, now on tour.
Empire Theatre, Liverpool (051 709 1555), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£15.

☆ **TOSCA:** Revival, in Italian, for Welsh National Opera on tour, with Mary Lloyd Davies in the title role.
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.15-10.30pm, £8.50-£20.

ROCK

☆ **RY COODER:** Ethnomusicologist and nonpareil slide guitarist, touring with the Moula-Banda Rhythm Aces which includes accordionist Flaco Jiminez and backing vocalists Bobby King and Terry Evans.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234), 7.30pm, £10-£12.50.

☆ **AZTEC CAMERA:** Roddy Frame on a winning streak at last with Top Ten single and album.
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside *Place* (031 557 2590), 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50.

☆ **BALKANA:** British audiences are getting to know their gadulkas from their gaidas as the second leg of the Bulgarian troupe's tour gets underway.
Spilsby Theatre, Old Sessions House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire (0790 52936), 8pm, £10.

★ **GEORGE MICHAEL:** Elton John has called him "the greatest songwriter of his generation", even if he does look like a stubbly teddy bear.
Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 (01-491 0044) 8pm, £12.50-£14.50, also tomorrow.

JAZZ

☆ **ANDY SHEPPARD:** In the glut of young tenorists, the West Country player is the most technically accomplished of all.
Spectrum Centre, 13 Midland Street, Leicester (0533 530943), 9pm, £5.

☆ **BRASS FANTASY:** Lester Bowie's reedless 10-piece swings through some incongruous pop tunes and Ellington pastiches.
The Octagon Centre, Sheffield University (0742 753300), 8pm, £6.

☆ **IRAKERE:** Chucho Valdez's superb Cuban ensemble, *with the house quintet* in support.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8, (members £2).

☆ **ELISABETH WELCH:** The "Independent Voices" season continues with a concert by the veteran American singer, evoking the era of *La Vie en Rose* and *Stormy Weather*.
Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629), 8pm, £8.

☆ **CHARLIE PALMIERI:** First of five nights from the New York-born salsapianist — a former Tito Puente sideman — accompanied by the King Salsa band.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £6.50.

DANCE

☆ **RHAPSODY IN BLUE:** London premiere of Richard Alston's new work for Rambert Dance Company, with Cunningham's *Septet* and a new work, *Trace*, by Mary Evelyn.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£12.50.

GALLERIES

RUSSIAN PAINTINGS: A personal choice of 20th century works by dealer Roy Miles.
Century Gallery, 100 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-581 1589), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until July 16.

PRINTS AND DRAWINGS OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC: Incisive political observations by Dix, Grosz, Kollwitz and others.
Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (01-435 2643), Mon-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, *until July 10.*

RIMA: Exhibition of preparatory drawings and sketches for Epstein's controversial *Hudson Memorial* in Hyde Park.
Northern Centre For Contemporary Art, 17 Grange Terrace, Sunderland (091 514 1214), Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free, until July 2.

JOHN BRATBY: Recent paintings of Venice, Istanbul and the Brighton area.
***Maclaurin Art Gallery,** Monument Road,* Ailoway, Ayr (0292 43708), Mon-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until July 10.

FRED WILLIAMS: The Pilbara series of paintings based on the burning red landscape of northwest Australia.
Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast (0232 668251), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 1-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until June 26.

ANTHONY WHISHAW ARA: An extensive series of paintings based on Velasquez's Las Meninas.
John Hansard Gallery, University of Southampton Southampton (0703 559122), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until July 9.

WALKS

ALLEYS AND BYWAYS OF OLD LONDON: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.50 (also next Tues).

ROYAL ST JAMES'S: meet Green Park tube, 2pm, £2.50.

1880s EAST END MURDERS: meet Tower Hill tube, 7.30pm, £2.50 (also next Tues).

OTHER EVENTS

WATERLOO WEEK: See caption.
Apsley House, Hyde Park Corner, London W1 (01-499 5676), until June 19, £2, children five-16 £1, under-12s must be accompanied by adult.

FURNITURE DESIGN NOW: From today until July 21, on selected days, an opportunity to meet successful young designers. Today and Thursday, Andrew and Helen Woodcock discuss the mass-production techniques in metal used at their Manchester firm which sells worldwide.
The Lecture Theatre, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589-6371), today and Thurs, 2pm, free.

THREE COUNTIES SHOW: Three-day agricultural show with classes in cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, horses and dogs.
Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire (0684-892751), today 8am-6pm, £6 (child £3); tomorrow 8am-6pm, £6 (child £3), after 2pm half price; Thursday 8am to mid evening, £5 (child £2.50), after 2pm half price.

LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST EVENT: Guided tour of *Cissold Park* includes a visit to the historic mansion and ponds, plus an opportunity to see trees, wildfowl and other wild life.
Cissold Park, London N16, meet outside mansion 7pm. (Further details from Marjorie Fuller, 01-985-1685), free.

TRINITY'S TRIBUTE TO GERSHWIN: The Trinity College Jazz Orchestra, directed by Bobby Lamb, pays tribute to one of the century's most celebrated composers.
Shaw Theatre, *100 Euston Road,* London N1 (box office 01-388-1394), 8pm, £5.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

MRS KLEIN: Booking for opening performances of a new play by Nicholas Wright about a scientist from Berlin who had a mission to introduce psycho-*analysis to childhood. Opens Aug 10*, previews from Aug 5. Postal booking open, counter booking from July 8.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

VIENNESE EVENING: Phone and *personal booking for Malcolm Sargent* summer concert, with works by Strauss, Haydn, Lehar; with Benjamin Luxon, and Wren Orchestra of London. Sep 18.
Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212/9465).

SOUTH BANK: *Booking for July includes* NELP Chorus in Handel's *Saul*, Lambeth Orchestra in Bruch's *Odysseus*, Yehudi Menuhin School Orchestra, and Placido Domingo conducting the Philharmonia. Also Falla First series, South Bank Summer Organ show, and Previn series.
***South Bank concert halls,** London SE1* (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, information 01-928 3002).

LAST CHANCE

MABLETHORPE PORTRAITS: 100 photos by American painter. Ends Sun.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-930 1552).

JOHN MILNE: Works by leading sculptor, 1931-78, who was assistant to Barbara Hepworth. Ends Sat.
Miller Art Gallery, Lemon Quay, Truro.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: *David Sinclair*; Jazz: *Clive Davis*; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.



Lucky wish: Marti Pellow, Tommy Cunningham, Neil Mitchell and Graeme Clark ready for a new British tour

Glasgow boys making a splash

As pop phenomena go, Wet Wet Wet have turned out to be a lot more fun than predecessors like the Bay City Rollers. The four members of the group met at the beginning of the decade at Clydebank High School in Glasgow and started playing together with rudimentary equipment in bassist Graeme Clark's living-room. By 1985 they had recorded a demo of sufficient quality to spark a ferocious bidding battle among the record companies. Once the band had signed a contract it took two years of trial and error to find a suitable producer, but as soon as they did manage to release their first single, "Wishing I Was Lucky", success ensued. A double-platinum debut album, *Popped In, Souled Out*, and a recent spell of four weeks at the top of the chart with the Beatles' number, "*With A Little Help From My Friends*", has given the good-looking vocalist, Marti Pellow, no cause to let his winning smile slip. Wet Wet Wet's British tour starts tonight and continues tomorrow at SECC, Finnieston Street, Glasgow (041 248 3000) 7.30pm, £7-£8. Other dates are: Friday, at Whitley Bay Ice Rink (091 252 6240); Saturday, Queens Hall, Leeds (0532 431961); Sunday, BIC, Bournemouth (0202 22122); June 22 & 23, Alexandra Palace, London N22 (01-883 6477); June 25, Brighton Centre (0273 202881); June 27, Cornwall Coliseum, St Austell (072681 4004); June 29 & 30, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); July 3 & 4, Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234); July 6 & 7, NEC, Birmingham.

David Sinclair

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(4)	Doctorin' the Tardis	Time Lords, *KLF Communication*
2	(—)	I Owe You Nothing	Bros, *CBS*
3	(1)	With a Little Help	Wet Wet Wet, *Childline*
4	(24)	Boys (Summertime Love)	Sabrina, *Ibiza*
5	(5)	Voyage Voyage	Desireless, *CBS*
6	(2)	Got to be Certain	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
7	(15)	Wild World	Maxi Priest, *10 Records*
8	(3)	Somewhere In My Heart	Aztec Camera, *WEA*
9	(12)	Every Day is Like Sunday	Morrissey, *HMV*
10	(8)	I Saw Him Standing There	Tiffany, *MCA*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	Nite People	Various, *CBS*
2	(—)	People	Hothouse Flowers, *London*
3	(2)	Tango In The Night	Fleetwood Mac, *Warner Brothers*
4	(5)	Heaven on Earth	Belinda Carlisle, *Virgin*
5	(4)	Motown Dance Party	Various, *Motown*
6	(6)	Dirty Dancing	Original Soundtrack, *RCA*
7	(3)	Popped In Souled Out	Wet Wet Wet, *Precious Organization*
8	(—)	Provision	Scritti Politti, *Virgin*
9	(8)	Stronger Than Pride	Sade, *Epic*
10	(7)	More Dirty Dancing	Original Soundtrack, *RCA*

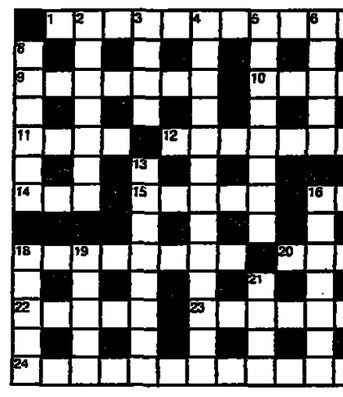
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

BLOOMFIELDIAN
(c) A forerunner of structural linguistics, introduced by Leonard Bloomfield, and characterized by its behaviourist principles for the study of meaning.
PROSOPOGRAPHY
(b) An important type of quantitative history: the study of collective biographies, usually but not necessarily the biographies of élites such as Roman senators or 18th-century English peers.
PARSONIAN
(b) Pertaining or related to the sociological theories of Talcott *Parsons, of Harvard, who deployed* a structural-functional theory of society, and much rebarbative jargon.
CIAM
(c) *Les Congrès Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne, a series of* attempts from 1928 onwards to solve collectively some of the dominant problems of modern architecture, which were at first seen as moral rather than stylistic.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1589



ACROSS
1 John Gray's Polly *Peachum drama (7,5)*
9 Sunshade (7)
10 Conditions (5)
11 Exploit (4)
12 Aid supply (8)
14 Groove (3)
15 Kaaba city (5)
16 Holy synagogue cupboard (3)
18 Well-known (8)
20 Leave out (4)
22 Poisonous (5)
23 Queen of the fairies (7)
24 Leningrad (2,10)

DOWN
2 Pledge (7)
3 Wind blast (4)
4 Big dipper (6,7)
5 Left to choice (8)
6 Mistake (5)
7 Gangway (5)
8 Cue rest (6)
13 Indirect (8)
16 Hospital social worker (7)
17 Serviceman's holdall (6)
18 Charity bazaars (5)
19 Confused situation (3-2)
21 Crush (cigarette) (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1588

ACROSS: 1 Corn 3 Ethics 8 Rowland Hill 10 Col 11 Dower 12 Infamia 14 Bop 15 Sod 16 Nursery 17 Covet 19 Rap 22 Danger money 23 People 24 Once

DOWN: 1 Cowslip 2 Real 4 Third age 5 In-law 6 Starred 7 Croc 9 Downgrade 13 Fontanel 14 Backs up 15 Syringe 18 Video 20 Pays 21 Omen

ENTERTAINMENTS

EXHIBITIONS

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.40 Clark and McCullough (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather, followed by **Dallas** (Ceefax) (r).
9.50 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. The Lion and the Jawlift. (r).
10.00 News and weather, followed by **The Flintstones** (r).
10.25 Play School (r) followed by **Paddington** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven with Robert Glenister.
11.00 News and weather, followed by **Your Mind in Their Hands.** Dr Alan Maryon Davis reports on *the work of the psychiatric* department of a district general hospital which serves a population of a quarter of a million (r).
11.30 On the House. Today's DIY programme includes items on *assembling a fitted wardrobe,* restoring Victorian fireplaces and *repairing a damaged floor.*
12.00 News and weather, followed by **The Animals Roadshow** which visits Northern Ireland to discover whether the Irish are united by the animals in their lives (Ceefax) (r).
12.40 Cartoon Double Bill. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather.
1.25 Neighbours. Daphne gets suspicious; and Mike's plan to cheer Lucy up goes wrong.
1.50 Miniature Worlds. Hedgehogs. (Ceefax) (r).
2.00 Royal Ascot. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of the first day's meeting including the *traditional royal drive down the* course. Plus **2.30** Queen Anne Stakes; **3.05** Prince of Wales Stakes; and **3.45** St James's Palace Stakes. Race and paddock commentators are Peter O'Sullevan, Jimmy Lindley and John Hanmer, with fashion comments from Lynda Berry.
4.00 The 1988 European Football Championship. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of West Germany v Denmark from Gelsenkirchen. With *commentators Barry Davies and* Jimmy Hill.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 Reporting London.
7.00 People. Jeni Barnett talks to the mothers of two six-month-old babies: one is the twin's *genetic mother, and the other is* the woman who actually gave birth to them. Plus a report on Fiona Coull, who in 1974 was a 12-year-old child prodigy being trained to be an Olympic swimmer.
7.30 EastEnders. Pauline confronts Michelle about some new *information; and Willmott-*Brown receives a visit from the brewery's area manager (Ceefax).
8.00 Brush Strokes. Comedy series about a Casanova decorator starring Karl Howman. (Ceefax) (r).
8.25 Steptoe and Son. Vintage comedy series starring Harry H Corbett and Wilfrid Brambell as the father and son rag and bone men (Ceefax) (r).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with *Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton.* Regional news and weather.
9.30 Watch with Mother (Ceefax) (see Choice).
10.45 The 1988 European Football Championship. Highlights of Spain v Italy and West Germany v Denmark.
11.30 80th Birthday Celebration for Stephane Grappelli. Second of *three programmes about the* legendary jazz violinist features Grappelli talking to *Humphrey* Lyttelton about his life, his association with Django Reinhardt and the Quintet *du Hot* Club de France.
12.00 Weather. **12.05 Open University.** Ends **12.35am.**

BBC2

6.55 Open University. Ends 7.20am.
9.00 Ceefax.
10.15 Daytime on Two: Sex Education **10.38** Ceefax **11.00** Watch **11.18** Ceefax **12.00** *Mindstretchers* **12.05** Ceefax
1.20 Postman Pat. Narrated by Ken Barrie (r).
1.38 Big Top Science visits the Discovery Dome in Sheffield. Terry Marsh and Kjartan Poskitt learn what is in drinking water and how to build an aquarium (r).
2.00 *News and weather, followed by* **You and Me.** For four and five-year-olds (r).
2.15 See Hear! (r).
2.40 Under Sail examines the pilot cutters of the Bristol Channel, including the Baroque, famous for several Arctic adventures, that first set sail in 1906 and is still working today. (r).
3.00 News and weather, followed by **One in Four.** Magazine programme for the disabled presented by Isobel Ward, Simon *Barnes and Chris Davies. With* subtitles for the hard of hearing.
3.35 Goldbeating. Documentary tracing the traditional and dying art of creating goldleaf as demonstrated by the Lingwood family of London (r).
3.50 News and weather, followed by regional news and weather.
4.00 Royal Ascot. Live coverage of the first day including the first race of the meeting for two-year-olds. **4.20** The Coventry Stakes (six furlongs).
4.30 Children's BBC with Andy Crane starting with **SuperTed** (r).
4.35 Pole Position. Adventure story about a family of travelling daredevil automobile acrobats (r).
5.00 Newsround with John Craven, Helen Rollason and Roger Finn.
5.10 The Lowdown. Real-life stories *about children told by children.* Every year 160,000 young people are affected by divorce. Six 10 to 14-year-olds, from four West Country families, talk about their experiences when their parents split up and describe how they survived the traumatic event. (Ceefax).
5.35 Neighbours. Mike gets the blame for a death in the family (r).
6.00 Film: Summer Holiday (1962). *Cliff Richard and the Shadows* star in a lightweight musical about a group of London Transport mechanics who borrow a double decker bus for a continental holiday. Directed by Peter Yates.
7.45 Cartoon Two.
8.00 Connoisseur. Competing in the *last heat in the fine arts quiz are* Wedny Steavenson from London, Bruce Tattersall from Dorset, Helen Watson from Oxford and David Wickham from *Kent. Bamber Gascoigne* presents (Ceefax).
8.30 Brass Tacks reports on the laws relating to compensation for victims of disasters and serious accidents. At present the victim must be able to prove negligence; need is not sufficient. Roisin McAuley asks whether *the law should be changed to put* need before blame.
9.00 Happy Families. Second in the six-part comedy series about the Fuddle family starring Jennifer *Saunders, Adrian Edmondson,* Dawn French, Stephen Fry and Helen Lederer. Tonight Guy goes to Hollywood to find his long-lost sisters and bring them back to granny before she dies. (Ceefax) (r).
9.30 The Duty Men. First of a two-part documentary featuring the "Romeos", an elite Customs team. In tonight's programme they are on the trail of a drug smuggling operation between South America and the UK. *The Spanish courier has been* followed since he first received his brief and is finally arrested as he returns through Heathrow with £500,000 worth of cocaine hidden in his suitcase. But the duty men are more interested in his employers (Ceefax) (r).
10.20 It's Garry Shandling's Show. *This week the American comedian* gets into a lather at the launderette when he meets a girl with a psychotic boyfriend.
10.45 Newsnight.
11.30 Weatherview.
11.35 Royal Ascot. Highlights of the first day's meeting.
11.55 Open University: *The rise and* fall of Britain's sanctions policy. Ends **12.25am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am starting with **The Morning Programme** presented by Richard Keys. **7.00 Good Morning Britain. 9.00 After Nine** with Jayne Irving includes a *feature on the hazards of* sunbathing.
9.25 Thames News.
9.30 Cross Wits. Game show hosted by Tom O'Connor.
10.00 Santa Barbara. Glossy Californian soap opera.
10.25 News Headlines.
10.30 The Time . . . The Place. In *the run-up to Wimbledon, Mike* Scott chairs a studio discussion on the sacrifices tennis players have to make to get to the top. With guests Sue Barker and David Lloyd.
11.10 Rainbow. 11.25 Thames News Headlines.
11.30 About Britain. Tony Gregory *charts the history of two East* Anglian ports, Yarmouth and Lowestoft, from medieval fishing villages to the thriving modern docks they are today.
12.00 Gas Street. Vince Hill's guests include singer Marti Webb.
12.30 The Sullivans. Australian family drama serial.
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville. **1.20 Thames News.**
1.30 Quincy. The police pathologist investigates a mysterious epidemic in a small town.
2.30 The Treatment. Last in the series has a holiday theme with reports on the fear of flying, the effectiveness of sun creams, and holiday medicaments.
3.00 Farmhouse Kitchen prepares a dinner for two including a teenage cook's prize winning dishes.
3.25 Thames News Headlines.
3.30 The Young Doctors. Medical drama series set in an Australian city hospital.
4.00 Children's ITV introduced by Gary Terzza and Debbie Shore, starting with **Rainbow. 4.15 The Telebugs** (r). **4.25 Who's Next.** Children comment on children's programmes. **4.35 Inspector Gadget.** Cartoon.
5.00 Bellamy's Bugle goes to Edinburgh zoo.
5.15 Winner Takes All. Family quiz series with Geoffrey Wheeler.
5.45 News (Oracle). **6.00 Thames News,** *followed by* **Crimestoppers.**
6.20 Connections.
6.50 European Football Championship. Live coverage from Frankfurt of Italy v Spain.
9.00 King and Castle. Comedy series starring Nigel Planer and Derek Martin as a couple of *unorthodox debt collectors.*
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes.
10.35 The Cook Report Update. News and developments of the stories shown earlier in the series.
10.50 Viewpoint 88: Documentary about the discovery of genetic *fingerprinting, a revolutionary* method of extracting the unique patterns found in everyone's DNA and which can conclusively prove innocence or guilt.
11.50 Film: Winter Light (b/w). Ingmar Bergman's sombre and powerful drama about a pastor who is losing his faith as well as his congregation. Starring Ingrid Thulin, Gunnar Björnstrand and Max von Sydow.
1.30 Worlds Beyond with Judi Bowker and Alex Hyde White (r).
2.00 News Headlines *followed by* **Film: Burnt Offerings** (1976). Karen Black, Oliver Reed and Bette Davis star in a spooky tale about an isolated country house rented by a family on condition they look after the owners' elderly mother who lives upstairs. Directed by Dan Curtis.
4.00 News Headlines followed by **Three's Company.** American *comedy series based on the* British sitcom from the Seventies, *Man about the House.*
4.30 Nashville Swing. The country music programme features Con Hunley and Wendy Holcombe.
5.00 ITN Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Sesame Street. With veteran TV comic, Sid Caesar.
12.30 Business Daily. Business and financial advice service presented by Susannah Simons.
1.00 I Could Do That. Open College course about business opportunities for young people. Today how to organize *(Oracle) (r).*
1.30 Catering with Care examines the link between food hygiene and the control of temperature (Oracle) (r).
2.00 *The Parliament Programme.*
2.30 Film: The Fighting 69th (1940) (b/w). Sentimental First World War drama with James Cagney as the cocky Brooklyn rebel who joins the legendary regiment known as the "Fighting Irish". Directed by William Keighley.
3.55 Fishing Village — Otafavik. *Documentary about a small village* on Iceland's west coast.
4.30 Countdown. Last quarter final.
5.00 Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series starring Larry *Hagman.*
5.30 Gymnastics. Jacqueline Leavy presents coverage of the European Rhythmic Championships, an all-girl competition using clubs, ball, hoop and ribbon to combine the strength of gymnastics with the grace of ballet.
6.30 Sumo. Days 11 to 13 of the Grand Autumn Tournament, held in Tokyo; plus a look at country Sumo. (r).
6.45 Challenge to Sport looks at *fencing (r).*
7.00 Channel 4 News (Oracle).
7.50 Comment, followed by weather.
8.00 Brookside. (Oracle).
8.30 4 What It's Worth tracks down the person behind a stamp collecting swindle.
9.00 Bandung File examines the *effect of race registration in South* Africa — the classification of people by the colour of their skin. The documentary traces the story of one family who are all *classified as European except* for the elderly father who is considered to be coloured because he fought with a coloured battalion in France during the First World War.



Bonnie Bartlett and William Daniels (C4, 10pm)

10.00 St Elsewhere. Humorous drama series set in a downtrodden Boston teaching hospital.
11.00 International Yacht Racing. Duracell Royal Lymington Cup from Christchurch Bay.
11.30 Ghosts in the Machine. Two videos. *Water Work,* images shot just below the surface of a swimming pool; and *Cascade,* featuring contemporary life in the *United States.*
11.50 Nightworks: Mozart Violin Concerto in G Major (K 216). Series of visual interpretations of classical music continues with a performance by Switzerland's DRS Chamber Orchestra conducted by Mario Venzago, with soloist Bettina Boller.
12.20 *Kagel Film Season: Continuing* the series of films by the highly-original Argentinian composer and film-maker. **MM51 & MM51/Nosferatu** (1983) (b/w). Two films using the same piece of piano music; one conjures up a private horror fantasy, the other uses a collage of scenes from Murnau's 1921 vampire film. Followed by **Dressur** (1986) (b/w). Three percussionists in a piece connecting the rituals of music-making with the circus.
1.25 *Chasing Rainbows — A Nation* and its Music examines music and talent, and talks to those who had brief success and those who have never made it (r). Ends **2.25am.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.35pm-7.00 Wales Today 12.00am-12.05 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 6.35pm Today's Sport 6.40-7.00 Inside Ulster ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 *Regional news magazines.*

ANGLIA As London except:1.30pm News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 5.00-5.20 About Anglia 11.50 Prisoner 12.45am *Three's Company* 1.15 Cartoon America's Top Ten 2.00 Number 3.00 Ben Sidran 4.00-5.00 Silk Road

BORDER As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.30 Lookaround 11.50 Twilight Zone 12.20am Close.

CENTRAL As London except:12.30pm *Home Cookery* 12.25-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Crazy Like a Fox 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.30 News 11.50 Superstars of Wrestling 12.45am Film: Blood Relatives 2.35 Starring the Actors 3.05 America's Top Ten 3.35 Dimension 2000 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:1.20pm News 1.30 Gardening Time 2.00 Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.20 Channel Report 11.50 Soap 12.20am Donahue 1.20 Magic 3.05 Company 3.10 Adventure Bound 4.10-5.00 Silk Road

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Red Hot Revival 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-6.50 Take the High Road 11.50 Twilight Zone 12.20am Close.

GRANADA As London except:1.30pm Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.20 Granada Reports 11.50 *Superstars of Wrestling* 12.45am Film: Blood Relatives 2.35 Starring the Actors 3.05 America's Top Ten 3.35 Power Hour 4.25-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:12.20pm-1.00 Phyllis Diller Show 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 6.00-6.30 News 11.50 Nothing but the Best 12.20am Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.20 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Man In A Suitcase 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Scotland Today 6.20-6.50 Take the High Road 11.50 Superstars of Wrestling 12.45am Film: Blood Relatives 2.30 Starring the Actors 3.05 America's Top Ten 3.35 Power Hour 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

TSW As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Short Story Theatre 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Matlock 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.20 Today 11.50 America's Top Ten 12.20am *Postscript. Close.*

TVS As London except:1.20pm News 1.30 Gardening Time 2.00 Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.20 Coast to Coast 11.50 Soap 12.20am Donahue 1.20 Film: Magic 3.05 Company 3.10 Adventure Bound 4.10-5.00 Silk Road.

TYNE TEES As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Charlie's Angels 6.00-6.20 Northern Life 11.50 Twilight Zone 12.20am Epilogue 12.30-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:1.20pm Newstime 1.30-2.30 The Outsiders 2.30-4.00 Look Who's Talking 6.00 Summer Edition 6.15-6.20 Cartoon 11.50 California Highway 12.15am Newstime, Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Highway to Heaven 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.20 Calendar 11.50 Twilight Zone 12.20am Film: Captain Eddie" 2.30 Three's Company 3.00 Music Box 4.00-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.00 Countdown 12.30pm Business Daily 1.00 Open College 2.00 Amateur Naturalist 2.30 Design Matters 3.00 The West of the Imagination 4.00 Pob's Stories 4.15 Ffalabalam 4.30 Anturiaethau Syr Wynff A Phwmsan 5.00 Bewitched" 5.30 Same Difference 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Cosby Show 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Pobl 'Mlaen 8.00 Treasure Hunt 8.05 Y Cletwr 9.35 Yma O Hyd 10.40 Gershwin 11.00 Craig Goes *Mad in Melbourne* 11.30 *Ghosts in the Machine* 11.55 Nightworks" 12.25am Kagel" 1.35 Chasing Rainbows 2.35 Close.

RTE 1 Starts:4.05pm Emmerdale Farm 4.25 Bosco 5.05 Defenders of the Earth 5.30 Comedy Capers 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.30 Head of the Class 7.00 Dublin — A Personal View 7.30 Murder, She Wrote 8.25 *Earthfile* 8.00 News 9.30 Ivan the Terrible 10.30 Hooperman 10.55 Fleetwood Mac: Tango in the Night 11.50 News, Close.

RTE 2 Starts:2.15pm Racing from Ascot 3.50 European *Football Championship* 6.15 *Country* Practice 6.45 European Football Championship 8.00 Nuacht 8.10 European Football Championship 9.20 Cheers 9.45 Black Forest Clinic 10.35 Newsnight 10.55 Wiseguy 11.50 *Nightnight, Close.*



Christopher Baines plays Colin, in trouble both with the law and with his wife (Watch With Mother: BBC1, 9.30pm)

Bill and Ben given a new significance

TELEVISION CHOICE

● **Watch With Mother** (BBC1, 9.30pm) is yet another in the long line of TV dramas about failed marriages but at least the writer, Maureen Chadwick, has come up with a new twist. Her thesis is that a cosy, middle-class childhood spent looking at Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men is a poor preparation for dealing with the less cosy realities of the adult world. Elaine (Gerry Cowper) is 25 and married and hoping to start a family but she cannot escape the influence of those formative years sitting with Mummy (Annette Crosbie) in front of the television set. She lives the dream of a nice suburban semi, with its dream kitchen, and sells dreams to others in a travel agency called (with heavy significance) Utopia. All seems well until hubby (Christopher Baines), who was presumably brought up on something nastier than Bill and Ben, is caught with his hand in the till and hauled up before the magistrates. It is more than Elaine can cope with and she is soon back crying on Mummy's shoulder. But the reassuring adolescent world is no longer available. Eschewing the conventions of naturalistic drama, Gareth Jones's production moves between colour and black and white, and between realism and fantasy, and employs a queue of bus passengers as a sort of Greek chorus with which to offer a sardonic comment on the heroine's predicament. There is inventive use of set design to contrast the garish never-never land of the travel agency with the warm and comfortable living-room of Elaine's childhood and that same room, years later, bleaker and drained of colour. But despite this stylistic initiative, the impression remains of a potentially interesting theme insufficiently developed.

Peter Waymark

Of Scotch myths

RADIO CHOICE

● Stands Scotland where it did? What Macduff asks appositively, you will equally aptly be entitled to ask yourself after listening to **Mists, Mountains and Balmorality** (Radio 4, 8.30pm). True, not all the romantic associations of all of Scotland are subjected *to a mauling in Ian Bradley's* documentary, but there isn't much about the Highlands that escapes Scot-free. Principal nailer of myths tonight is Lord Dacre. Charting the history of the romanticized Highlander, he resolutely refuses to go further back into the mists of time than the '45 rebellion. And there is much worse to come. Not only is the tartan kilt no home-bred wonder (it was the invention of an English ironmonger), but the clan tartan itself, far from having a Scots pedigree, was thought up as a way of identifying not clans but English regiments. Myth after myth demolished. The only consolation is that those of us who know, and love, the Highlands will treat Dr Johnson's perjorative dismissal of them as a "wide extent of hopeless sterility" with the contempt it deserves.
● Despite having a Dadaist heroine (played by Phyllis Logan) and a revenge theme, Marcella Evaristi's sharp comedy **The Hat** (Radio 3, 9.15pm) is surreal rather than iconoclastic: more Magritte than Duchamp. There are good roles for talking wall mirror, compact mirror and wordly-wise hat. The setting, inevitably, is Paris in the 1920s.



Actress Phyllis Logan in The Hat (R3, 9.15pm)

Peter Davalle

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Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm,** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo with the Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Nicky Campbell **7.30** Liz Kershaw **10.00-12.00** John Peel **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1)
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford, incl racing from Royal Ascot: **2.30** Queen Anne Stakes **3.5** Prince of Wales Stakes **3.30** Adrian Love, incl racing from Royal Ascot: **3.45** St James's Palace Stakes (Old *Mile)* **5.05** *John Dunn* **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz **7.35** Radio Orchestra Show **9.25** The King's Singers **10.00** Huddwinks **10.30** Back to *Square One* **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Counterpoint 7.00 World News 7.08 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 The Mystic Rose 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Tech Talk 8.30 Music of the Royal Courts 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 *The Music of Weber* 10.00 *News Summary* 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Citizens 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Sportsworld 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 *English by Radio* 4.45 *Londres Soir* 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 Outlook 7.35 Stock Market Report 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 *News Summary* 9.15 From Coca to Cocaine 9.45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Concert Hall 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 World News 2.09 *Review of the British Press* 2.15 The A-Z of Hollywood 2.30 Citizens 3.00 World News 3.05 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Morgenmagazin 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News and Twenty-four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bach (Cantata: Schweigt stille, plaudert nicht, Coffee cantata: Friends of Apollo)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Finzi (Suite: Love's Labours Lost: English Chamber Orchestra under William Boughton); Delalande (Deuxième Fantaisie: Orchestre de Chambre with Jean-Francois Paillard); Dvorak (Scherzo capriccioso: Berlin PO with Rafael Kubelik)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Delius: Le Ciel est par-dessus le toit (Felicity Lott, soprano, Eric Fenby, piano): Paris — the Song of a Great City (LPO under Beecham): La Lune blanche (Anthony Rolfe-Johnson, tenor, Eric Fenby, piano); Summer Night on the River (Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox); Idyll — Once I Passed through a Populous City (Felicity Lott, soprano, Thomas Allen, baritone, RPO under Eric Fenby)
9.35 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, led by Barry Haskey, conducted by Bryden Thomson, with Raphael Wallfisch (cello): Haydn (Symphony No 39 in G minor); Khachaturian (Cello Concerto)
10.25 Hungarian Violin and Piano Music played by Paul Barritt (violin) and Susan Tomes (piano): Bartok (Sonata in E minor); Ferenc Vecsey (Valse Triste); Hubay (Heire Kati, Op 32)
11.05 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in Germany, led by Geoffrey Trabichoff, conducted by Jerzy Maksymiuk, with John Lill (piano): Edward McGuire (Source); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5); Sibelius (Symphony No 1). Includes **12.10** Interval Reading: Piers Burton-Page reads extracts from the first volume of Wittgenstein: A Life by Brian McGuinness
1.00 News
1.05 Harpsichord Music from the 1987 Montreux-Vevey Festival with Scott Ross (harpsichord): D'Anglebert (Suite in G minor); Rameau (Pièces de clavecin en concerts No 1); Bach (Toccata in D); Soler (Five Sonatas; Fandango in D minor); Scarlatti (Sonata in A; Sonata in A)
2.20 English Songs with Margaret Field (soprano) and Andrew Ball (piano): Britten (Canticle 1: My Beloved is Mine); David Matthews (The Golden Kingdom, first broadcast performance)
3.00 BBC Concert Orchestra, led by Marti Lovedayy, under Ashley Lawrence: Elgar (Three Bavarian Dances); Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring); Alan Langford (Sinfonietta, first broadcast performance)
3.45 Interforum in Keszthely. Last summer, young musicians from around the world spent a week in an 18th-century Hungarian castle, giving recitals to an invited audience. Robert Layton introduces some of *these performances. From* Czechoslovakia, Zuzana Paulekova (piano) plays Busoni (Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland) and Franck (Prélude, Choral et Fugue); from Hungary, Andras Keller (violin) plays Bartok (Sonata); from Sweden, Torleif Thedeen (cello) and Marta Gulyas (piano) play Martinu (Variations on a theme by Rossini); from Holland, Olga de Roos (saxophone) and Czaba Vegvari (piano) play Milhaud (Scaramouche)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Richard Baker
6.30 Two Ladies of France: Mari Harnay, from the Pourlet region of Brittany, sings in Breton and Louise Reichert, from the Auvergne, sings in Occitan
7.00 *News*
7.05 Third Ear: weekly conversations with writers. Allan Masie talks to the novelist and science fiction *writer Iain Banks*
7.30 Philharmonia Orchestra, led by Bradley Creswick, under Kurt Sanderling, with Howard Shelley (piano) live from the Royal Festival Hall, London: Mozart (Piano Concerto No 24 in C minor); Shostakovich (Symphony No 15 in A). Includes, at **8.00,** Silence: poetry and prose compiled by Michel Petheram and read by Ronald Pickup, Nigel Graham and Patricia Gallimore (r)
9.15 The Hat by Marcella Evaristi, with Phyllis Logan as Marianne (See Choice)
10.45 Night Pieces with Emil Gilels (piano): Schumann (Nachtstücke, Op 23: No 1 in C and No 2 in F)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Telemann: the Last Decade (Serenata: Don Quichotte auf der Hochzeit des Comacho) (r)
12.00-12.05am News

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** *Your Letters* **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather: Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Call Kate Adie: 01-580 4411 on the problems of drink and driving, with Peter Bottomley, Under-Secretay of State at the Department of Transport, and Graham Burton from the Campaign Against Drinking and Driving
10.00 News: Medicine Now with Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story. Love the Magician by Michael A Pearson
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News: Travel: Citizens
11.25 From our own Correspondent
11.50 Tales of a Dragon-Watcher. 2: Our Two Oldest Friends. Six programmes in which Roger Worsley examines the supernatural history of giants, monsters, gods and dragons.
12.00 News: You and Yours with Debbie Thrower
12.25 Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnstone umpires the quiz game with Tim Rice, Willie Rushton, Robin Bailey and Robert Powell (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping *Forecast*
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes Deirdre McSharry, ex-editor of Cosmopolitan magazine and now heading Country Living; the *slimming* disease bulimia nervosa and the complex feelings women have about food; Charles Highams talks about his indiscreet new book on the Duchess of Windsor; and an investigation into a form of *Buddhism which seems to* bring its yuppie followers a lot of material success, all because of a mantra
3.00 News; Tin Play by Roger Crawford: Will George survive the emotional assaults of his 10th wedding anniversary party? (s)
3.22 Comparing Notes: Richard Baker talks to Czech violinist Josef Suk. After almost 50 years as soloist and chamber musician, Suk *still practises for eight hours* a day, even when on a concert tour (s)
4.00 News
4.05 The Local Network: *Reporters Neil Walker and* David Clayton link up with *local radio stations around* the country and visit some of the places which have *changed county since the* boundaries were re-drawn over 10 years ago, but where the arguments continue
4.30 Kaleidoscope
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Flying The Flag Comedy by Alex Shearer, starring Dinsdale Landen as one of HM Ambassadors in a far-flung people's republic (5 of 8) (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Analysis of major issues at home and abroad with Max Easterman
8.00 The Radio Programme. Laurie Taylor with news, views and comment about radio and its programmes
8.30 Mists, Mountains and Balmorality. Ian Bradley reflects on the romantic image which surrounds the Scottish Highlands, and discovers that it has only been created over the last 200 years, blossoming during the reign of Queen Victoria (r) (see Choice)
9.15 In Touch. A magazine for the visually handicapped
9.45 Kaleidoscope
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Riceyman Steps by Arnold Bennett (12 of 15) **10.29** *Weather*
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **1.00** Time and Tune **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** *Pictures in Your Mind* (Stories) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Health Education: My Body **2.25** Mainstream GCSE **5.50-5.55** *PM (continued)* **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Calculus: Differentation in Action **11.50** Rome: The Work of Agrippa

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9. **World Service: MF:648kHz/463m.**

New Knights of the Garter receive their sovereign's highest honour

Two more noble lords join a select company

By Alan Hamilton

The former Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, and the grandson of the man who built a fortune on Sunlight Soap, were installed yesterday as Knights of the Garter, the sovereign's highest honour to the great and good of her realm.

In St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, in an installation ceremony and subsequent service of great antiquity but revived only this century as an annual event, Lords Hailsham and Leverhulme joined the Order founded by Edward III in 1348 and almost certainly not named after the incident in which Joan, Countess of Salisbury, dancing with the King, let her garter slip to the floor.

The legend nonetheless fits the Order's motto, *Honi soit qui mal y pense*, evil to him who thinks ill of it, with which King Edward might well have reprimanded his fellow dancers who read impropriety into Lady Salisbury's behaviour.

Lord Hailsham, aged 80, who finally retired from his second term as Lord Chancellor last year, and Lord Leverhulme, aged 73, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire and Chancellor of Liverpool University, were admitted to the select company, normally restricted to only 24 Knights Companion, to fill vacancies created by the deaths of Lord Cobbold and Lord Rhodes.

They thereby join an august and honoured body which numbers Lords Callaghan, Wilson, Longford and Carrington among its ranks.

In a private ceremony in the Throne Room at Windsor Castle, the Lords Hailsham and Leverhulme had the cornflower blue and gold Garter insignia buckled to their left leg just below the knee by the Queen; then, watched by a crowd of thousands in hot sunshine, new and existing knights walked in procession through the castle grounds to St George's Chapel, accompanied by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Queen Mother, and the Duke of Kent.

Lord Hailsham, walking nimbly with the aid of two sticks under his Garter cloak, earned applause from the crowd, as did the Princess of Wales in a bright peach outfit

In spite of yesterday's installation of two gentlemen knights, sexual equality has come to the Order. Last year the Queen made it known that in future the Order would be open on equal terms to women and men.

The news delighted back bench Tory MP who immediately assumed that the first Lady of the Garter would be Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Their presumption is still premature, but if the time ever does arrive they need fear no indelicacy at the installation ceremony; since Lady Salisbury's indiscretion, women have worn the Garter on the arm.



Lords Leverhulme and Hailsham, walking through Windsor Castle to St George's Chapel (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Commons sketch

Artistic scramble for last orders

During Questions to the Minister for the Arts, the Chamber of the House tends to resemble a pub at closing time. Only a few odds and bods are there at all, and, in the ten minutes alloted, half of them want to get their last orders to the Minister in, while the other half want to make idle remarks about theatres they have recently visited, television programmes they would like to see banned, extra money they would like to see spent, and so on. Meanwhile, Mein Host, Mr Richard Luce, does his best to appear genial while all the time fighting off the temptation to scream "Time Gentlemen Please".

Mr Luce had issued a Green Paper in which he suggested making charges here and there in public libraries. This is the kind of suggestion a Minister for the Arts makes when he has grown tired of answering all those annoying little questions about when he is going to visit a Mime Collective Workshop in Guildford or whether he will find time for a second visit to the magnificent exhibition of Driftwood Jewellery at present on display in the Skegness Museum of Flotsam and Jetsam. "Yes, I'm going to see it soon" "Yes, I adore the Arts": all his answers are covered by one or both of these prototype statements. Thus boredom sets in and any Minister for the Arts finds himself unstoppably impelled towards setting the cat among the pigeons.

The Library Charges cat set all the pigeons a-flutter. Indeed, it was such a spellbinding success that Mr Luce will now be toying with issuing Green Papers galore, suggesting extra charges for each separate page turned, or taxes on books that are too wordy. Not surprisingly, Mr Tony Banks was the first to screech and peck.

"We all know that the Prime Minister would like all Old Age Pensioners stuck in their homes reading Freddie Forsyth and watching MTV" he chirruped. Mr Michael Foot, a regular old bird in that grand sketchwriter's pub, The Mixed Metaphor, hooted with delight. Of all the old codgers in the snug, Mr Foot seems the most comfortable, happy to pass the time of day with one and all, his cosy brown Hush Puppies up on the bench beside him.

Mr Toby Jessel (Cons, Twickenham), who looks a trifle barmy, suggested that an incentive was needed to encourage people to read the four million extra books acquired by public libraries since 1979.

Time was now running out. Arty Members of Parliament were being urged to finish up their Questions and to depart in an orderly fashion. But still they rose to ask for more. Mr Mark Fisher complained that library charges would mean a "two-tier semi-privatised public service" whilst Ms Joan Ruddock thought that they were "horrific proposals". Mr Luce looked strangely content. After three years having to express mutual enthusiasm for events both outlandish and stodgy, he could now bask in some deep-seated hatred. But then a fellow Conservative ruined it for him. Mr Malcolm Moss wished to invite him to the Angles Centre in Wisbech. Love to, love to, he replied.

After the Speaker had called time on Questions to the Minister for the Arts, Mr Luce put down one folder and picked up another, for he was now to be questioned in his second position as Minister for the Civil Service. Why, if it wasn't that eccentric old cove Belgrano Tam, sauntering up to the bar to ask for a Minister on the Rocks! No sooner has he finished one conspiracy than he is straight on to the next, and after three or four he grows a mite repetitive. By now, everyone was growing bleary-eyed, and Labour's front bench spokesman Dr John Marek rose to break the silence.

"Irrespective of that" he began, referring back to something or other, "Irrespective of that, could he, er, could he, er, irrespective of that, could he, could, er...Irrespective of that, could...". Poor Dr John had forgotten what he was going to say, and for a time it looked as if he might simply repeat "Irrespective of that" for five minutes before returning to his seat. "Irrespective of that" he said just once more, before dipping into his pocket for a crumpled sheet of paper, and finally reading a sage and timely point, now sadly forgotten.

Craig Brown

Widespread drought brings dust-bowl threat to America

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graze cattle in areas designated for crops. The area suffered fastest because its main crop is winter wheat.

In North Dakota, Governor George Sinner says the drought is the worst since the 1934 rain shortage which produced the dust bowl and mass emigration westwards from states such as Oklahoma.

Experts said some farmers could face crisis if rains held off for another two weeks, but the situation was not yet as serious as in the 1930s. Mr Norton Strommen, chief meteorologist at the US Department of Agriculture, said the comparison should be made with 1983, when the corn belt was hit by a mid-summer water shortage. Corn crops are not yet in jeopardy, he said. "We really have not cut into the potential of the corn yield," he said.

Mr David Lane, spokesman for the department, said yesterday that crop damage so far had been limited to small areas of the northern farm states. But without rain in the next two weeks, a critical growing season, the big maize and soybean crops would be threatened, he said.

Mr Peter Leavitt, an expert at the Weather Services Corporation of Bedford, Massachusetts, said yesterday it was still early, but the weather pattern so far paralleled that of 1936, not such a bad year as 1934. The next crop to suffer would be maize, he said. "The next 10 days will tell the story. This is the beginning of what could be a severe drought."

The lack of rain for the past six weeks in the corn- and soybean-growing regions has pushed the futures prices of those commodities to four-year highs and experts are predicting a possible extra two per cent rise in US food prices this year if the rain continues to hold off. Fears of the effect of a prolonged drought contributed to a 0.9 per cent surge in food prices in May, *The Wall Street Journal* said yesterday. However, the country's current big grain stocks should avert shortages even if the drought continues, experts said.

The low rainfall has also forced water restrictions and turned parks and lawns brown in Chicago and other cities in Illinois and nearby states. Chicago has never recorded such a rain-free May and early June.

In the south-east, the dry spell follows low rainfall for the past four years which has reduced water levels and brought conservation orders in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. The Mississippi is flowing at its lowest level for a decade and some bigger barges have already been pulled out of service. Last week some city hydrants in Atlanta ran dry, hampering the work of firemen.

On the west coast, a lack of winter snow in the mountains has produced a water shortage from Washington State to southern California. In Los Angeles and San Francisco, lawn-watering and other non-essential uses have been heavily restricted, television announcements are urging people to save water and fruit growers — a big part of the California economy — have been warned that they face irrigation curbs.

Football fans face ticket restrictions

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Environment, underlines the seriousness with which she views a problem that she regards as going beyond football crowds.

The recommendations that are being prepared by Mr Moynihan — who has been in touch with Downing Street throughout the early, troubled days of the championship — are not thought to include confiscating passports from troublemakers. Apart from practical difficulties, such a move is thought likely to be contrary to English and European Community law.

The Minister of Sport will publish a separate report today on crowd control during the last domestic football season as part of the attempt by English clubs to be readmitted to European competitions by Uefa.

His report to Uefa summarizes the main incidents of the season, notably the recent England-Scotland game and the pitch invasion at Chelsea, and details the impact of the measures taken to improve behaviour, such as the introduction of closed-circuit television at grounds, membership cards for supporters, and the ban on alcohol.

He said yesterday: "I am very concerned about what is going on. It is not just football's image which is being damaged. Soccer violence by our fans creates problems for our businessmen abroad and for tourism in this country. It causes problems beyond football. It's obviously something we must tackle."

West German police are saying that incidents, including a pitched battle between English and West German supporters on the main concourse of Stuttgart's railway station — believed to have been started by West German fans — did not constitute serious disorder and the security chief at the Irish match praised the English supporters' behaviour.

The England team's 8,000 supporters were yesterday heading by van, car and hired coaches to Düsseldorf, with their movements closely monitored by a team of 10 specialist Metropolitan Police "spotters" and liaison officers from British Transport Police.

Düsseldorf police are organizing their biggest-ever security operation for tomorrow's match between England and The Netherlands, who have 16,000 supporters in West Germany

Armenia strike threatens Gorbachov

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itive solution" to the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute.

The crisis is, by common consent, the most serious which Mr Gorbachov has faced since coming to power in March, 1985.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, confirmed yesterday that an Azerbaijani policeman had been shot by an Armenian in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku on Saturday. He said also false rumours that two Armenians had been killed in the city had prompted a protest march in Moscow.

In a blatant contradiction of *glasnost*, western reporters remain barred from the troubled area. Heavy-handed tactics by the Soviet security forces have so far failed to curb the unrest, which began in February.

Yesterday's regular briefing by Mr Gerasimov, ostensibly to deal with foreign policy, was dominated by questions about the ethnic crisis. One European diplomat said later: "Whereas the Soviet authorities appeared to be in control of the situation during the recent summit, they now appear to have lost their grip entirely."

Mr Gerasimov, without discussing the number of strikers in Armenia — unofficially put at more than one million people — admitted that in Yerevan "meetings and demonstrations continued." Attempting to justify the Kremlin's clampdown on news, he told reporters: "The issues are difficult."

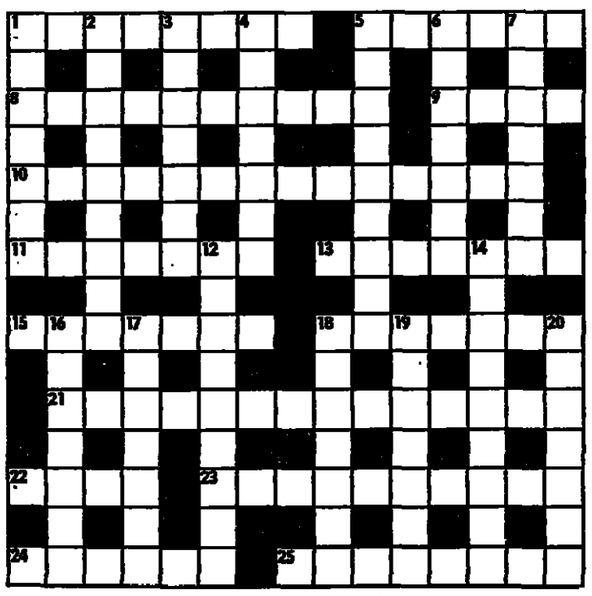
He admitted that in Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, where food shortages and the presence of vigilantes have recently been reported "the (Communist Party) authorities have lost control."

His hesitant remarks indicated the extreme sensitivity of the issue, exacerbated because the Armenians are mainly Christians and are highly emotional on the subject of inter-communal violence.

The crisis has taken on an added dimension in the run-up to the Moscow conference which is widely expected to be a showdown between reformers and their conservative opponents.

Mr Yegor Ligachov, the Kremlin deputy leader, has been widely identified as the Politburo member most stubbornly opposed to any change in the status of Nagorno-Karabakh.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,695



ACROSS

1 One wears no braces, perhaps, for these exercises (8).
5 Tailor giving us the go-by (6).
8 The dentist's origin? (10).
9 Redcaps in the eyes, say, of soldiers (4).
10 Adviser on the way to dine in footballers' club (4-4,6).
11 Yield formerly protected by three keys (7).
13 Conclusion many see? Certainly (7).
15 Plant found recurring in phenomenal circumstances (7).
18 Flighty strippers cut loss for a change (7).
21 Feeble person's game — the French take a drink (3,4,7).
22 Simple, once, to be a woman bishop (4).
23 Very bad man in the Old Testament? (10).
24 Falling star has nothing to put in the parking device (6).
25 Produce information, finally, with hesitation (8).

Concise crossword, page 18

DOWN

1 Still, the drink's on the presiding doctor! (7).
2 Reserve in Crete, maybe, initially covering emergencies (9).
3 Club excludes king from restaurant (7).
4 Dwelling for the Genevese near St John's Wood? (7).
5 18 *dn* type of female vocalist (9).
6 Transgressors known for their thickness? (7).
7 The sovereign who ravaged Rome by invading (7).
12 In which we may go over points when taking courses (6-3).
14 Peacekeepers, established but not yet paid (9).
16 We get there fast when failing to progress (7).
17 Fickle Greek character on board (7).
18 Dishonourable, obtaining inside information (3-4).
19 Food prepared in new University is nice (7).
20 Girl forsakes chemist for poet (7).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

SOC. SCI.
By Philip Howard

BLOOMFIELDIAN
a. Field anthropology
b. Anti-Keynesianism
c. A school of linguistics

PROSOPOGRAPHY
a. The study of faces
b. Mass biography
c. Rorschach colour testing

PARSONIAN
a. Ecclesiastical statistics
b. A sociological theory
c. Deep grammatical structure

CIAM
a. A Lévi-Strauss dichotomy
b. The Pareto optimum
c. An architectural movement

Answers on page 18, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,694

P	E	E	V	E	■	E	X	T	I	R	P	A	T	E
O	■	L	■	S	C	■	A	■	E	■	L	■	M	■
L	I	G	H	T	S	H	I	P	■	C	L	O	S	E
E	■	A	■	C	■	O	■	D	■	E	■	N	■	N
M	A	R	I	N	A	■	S	A	N	D	A	G	E	D
I	■	■	■	I	■	F	■	N	■	E	■	S	■	■
C	O	C	K	A	T	R	I	C	E	■	K	I	N	D
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L	O	L	L	■	S	T	U	R	D	I	N	E	S	S
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P	L	A	N	T	A	I	N	■	S	H	I	N	T	O
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C	A	I	R	O	■	I	M	P	R	O	V	I	S	E
T	■	N	■	N	O	■	I	■	A	■	A	■	R	■
S	A	G	E	G	R	E	E	N	■	D	A	D	D	Y

WEATHER

Much of the country should enjoy another fine, warm and mostly sunny day although very early on there will be some mist and patchy low cloud. In northern Scotland, grey, misty conditions, perhaps with the odd spot of rain or drizzle, could last all day in places. The Channel Islands will see more cloud as well with an increasing threat of rain drifting across from the continent. Outlook: remaining settled.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; f=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Malaga	19	66	f
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malta	29	84	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Algiers	28	79	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Amst'dam	21	70	s	Miami*	27	81	c
Athens	29	84	s	Milan	25	77	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Montreal*	27	81	s
Berlin	22	72	s	Naples	25	77	f
Bermuda*	27	81	f	N Delhi	39	102	s
Biarritz	19	66	r	N York*	31	88	s
Borde'x	23	73	f	Nice	22	72	s
Brussels	22	72	f	Oslo	24	75	f
Budapst	19	66	c	Paris	22	72	f
B Aires*	11	52	c	Peking	35	95	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	21	70	c
Cape Tn	15	59	f	Prague	18	64	f
C'blanca	21	70	f	Reykjvik	8	46	c
C'phagn	20	68	s	Rome	24	75	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Salzburg	18	64	c
Dublin	18	61	s	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Santiago*	17	63	s
Faro	20	68	s	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Florence	25	77	f	Seoul	28	82	c
Frankfurt	21	70	s	Sing'por	32	90	s
Funchal	22	72	f	St'kholm	20	68	s
Geneva	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	22	72	f
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Helsinki	14	57	r	Tangier	20	68	c
Hong K	33	91	f	Tel aviv	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	14	57	s	Tunis	31	88	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Valencia	23	73	f
Le Tquet	22	72	c	Vanc'ver*	18	61	s
Locarno	22	72	f	Vienna	20	68	s
L Angles*	18	64	c	Warsaw	17	63	f
Luxmbg	20	68	f	Washn'ton*	28	82	c
Madrid	16	61	f	Wel'ton	7	45	c
Majorca	23	73	c	Zurich	21	70	f

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	13.8	-	15	59	sunny
Cromer	13.0	-	16	61	sunny
Lowestoft	11.5	-	16	61	sunny
Southend	*	-	17	63	gale
Margate	5.1	-	16	61	bright
Eastbourne	3.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Brighton	4.5	-	17	63	bright
Sandown	7.2	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemth	8.4	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	8.6	-	20	68	sunny
Exmouth	8.3	-	20	68	sunny
Torquay	6.1	-	19	66	sunny
Penzance	9.2	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	10.8	-	17	63	sunny
Jersey	1.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Guernsey	1.8	-	16	61	cloudy
Newquay	9.1	-	20	68	sunny
Blacombe	*	-	*	*	sunny
Minehead	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Douglas	*	-	21	70	sunny
Carlisle	15.5	-	21	70	sunny
Leeds	14.4	-	20	68	sunny
Nottingham	14.2	-	19	66	sunny
Anglesey	15.4	-	20	68	sunny
Colwyn Bay	13.4	-	18	64	sunny
Tenby	12.1	-	20	68	sunny
Aberdeen	13.9	-	21	70	sunny
Aviemore	14.4	-	25	77	sunny
Eskdalemuir	13.4	-	21	70	sunny
Kinloss	12.6	-	23	73	sunny
Lerwick	15.5	-	15	59	sunny
Prestwick	15.9	-	19	66	sunny
Stornoway	16.3	-	18	64	sunny
Tiree	16.2	-	17	63	sunny
Wick	11.5	-	12	54	sunny

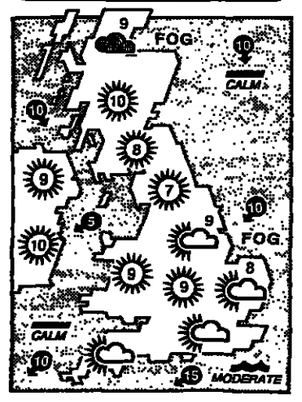
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HIGH TIDES

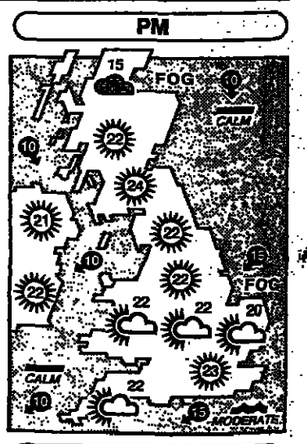
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London Bridge	2.23	6.5	2.49	6.6
Aberdeen	1.52	3.9	2.14	3.9
Avonmouth	7.58	12.1	8.14	12.3
Belfast	11.44	3.1	11.59	3.4
Cardiff	7.41	11.3	7.59	11.4
Devonport	8.31	5.1	6.51	5.3
Dover	11.52	6.2	-	-
Falmouth	6.01	4.9	6.21	5.1
Glasgow	12.57	4.5	1.38	4.3
Harwich	12.15	3.7	12.43	3.8
Holyhead	11.04	5.2	11.24	5.3
Hull	7.00	6.9	7.22	6.9
Ilfracombe	6.39	8.4	6.57	8.6
Leith	3.03	5.2	3.30	5.3
Liverpool	11.59	8.8	-	-
Lowestoft	10.10	2.4	10.36	2.3
Margate	12.18	4.4	12.49	4.4
Milford Haven	6.56	6.4	7.15	6.5
Newquay	5.47	6.4	6.05	6.6
Oban	6.35	3.5	6.43	3.6
Penzance	5.28	5.2	5.47	5.4
Portland	7.49	1.7	8.07	2.0
Portsmouth	-	-	12.15	4.4
Shoreham	11.56	5.8	-	-
Southampton	11.40	4.3	11.52	4.3
Swansea	7.03	8.8	7.19	9.0
Tees	4.15	5.0	4.38	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	12.11	4.0	12.39	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are BST

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.49 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 9.59 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.30 pm to 3.56 am
Manchester 10.09 pm to 4.09 am
Penzance 10.03 pm to 4.42 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm: 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am,12C (54F) Humidity: 5 pm, 46 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.4 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1017.2 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Aviemore, Highland, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: none recorded.in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Hebrides, 16.3 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	21	70	s	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'ingham	19	66	s	Inverness	15	59	f
Blackpool	19	66	s	Jersey	18	64	c
Bristol	20	68	s	London	22	72	s
Cardiff	21	70	s	M'chester	21	70	s
Edinburgh	19	66	s	Newcastle	21	70	s
Glasgow	23	73	s	R'nldsway	18	64	s

Sun rises: 4.43 am
Sun sets: 9.19 pm
Moon rises 3.58 am
Moon sets 10.17 pm
New Moon 10.14am

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 10am, 2.30pm, 6pm, 6.30pm and 10.30pm

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am,10C (50F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 16 hr.

THE POUND

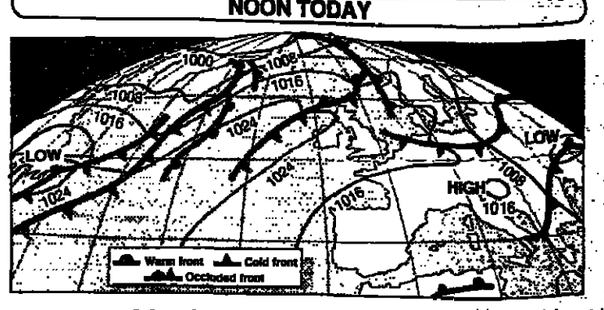
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.23
Austria Sch	23.00	21.80
Belgium Fr	68.35	64.95
Canada $	2.315	2.195
Denmark Kr	12.35	11.75
Finland Mkr	7.75	7.35
France Fr	11.00	10.45
Germany Dm	3.255	3.095
Greece Dr	257	242
Hong Kong $	14.70	13.95
Ireland Pt	1.2160	1.1580
Italy Lira	2410	2300
Japan Yen	238.50	226.50
Netherlands Gld	3.64	3.47
Norway Kr	11.92	11.32
Portugal Esc	264.50	251.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	214.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	11.37	10.82
Switzerland Fr	2.7230	2.5930
USA $	1.90	1.81
Yugoslavia Dnr	3900	3100

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 105.8 (April)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 7.1 at 1451.1.
New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed at .

NOON TODAY



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FT-SE 100 1838.8 (–11.0)	W German mark 3.1317 (+0.0074)
USM (Datastream) 157.63 (same)	Trade-weighted 77.1 (+0.3)

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David Brewerton

Emap rises to £25m in record year

Emap, the publishing and exhibitions group, easily topped City expectations with pretax profits up from £15 million to a record £25 million for the year to April 2. Turnover rose from £116.6 million to £187.9 million.

The group, whose publications include *Smash Hits* and *Just Seventeen* and which at the year-end owned 88 regional newspapers, made an £8 million takeover bid for Associated Kent Newspapers last month.

Emap acquired nine companies last year for a total of £57.5 million.

The final dividend is being raised from 2.13p to 3.1p a share, making 4.2p (3p) for the year.

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BAT claim

BAT Industries, in its continuing pursuit of Farmers Group of Los Angeles, says that the results of voting at last week's *Farmers' meeting* should have been measured on different grounds, which would have resulted in its resolution calling for negotiations to be carried.

Merrill chief

Mr John Heimann has been appointed executive chairman of Merrill Lynch Europe/Middle East in London. He was previously head of the company's capital markets operations

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2102.77 (+1.06)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 28036.54 (+116.18)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... Closed
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 255.2 (+0.7)
Sydney: AO ..... Closed
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1425.9 (+8.2)
Brussels:
General ..... 4887.3 (–2.6)
Paris: CAC ..... 346.7 (–3.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 457.4 (–2.1)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ..... 950.57 (–5.40)
FT.–"500" ..... 1035.63 (–5.55)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 217.2 (–11.4)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 98.16 (+0.06)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 89.80 (–0.09)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Davies & Newman ..... 560p (+20p)
Textured Jersey ..... 195½p (+19p)
Body Shop ..... 635p (+15p)
Brown Shipley ..... 365p (+10p)
Pochins ..... 725p (+10p)
Whitbread 'B' ..... 430p (+20p)
AC ..... 412½p (+15p)
Harris Queensway ..... 170p (+7p)

FALLS:
Grainger ..... 477½p (–22p)
Enterprise ..... 451½p (–16p)
Ultramar ..... 296p (–11p)
Cussins ..... 310p (–15p)
Invergordon Dist ..... 256p (–10p)
Royal Insurance ..... 420p (–11p)
Pearl Assurance ..... 527½p (–19p)
Abbey Life ..... 330p (–12p)
Morgan Grenfell ..... 342½p (–10p)
LASMO ..... 453½p (–16p)
General Accident ..... 941p (–12p)
London & Man ..... 297½p (–11p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank $8^{7}/_{16}$-$8^{7}/_{32}$%
3-month eligible bills: $8^{5}/_{16}$-$8^{7}/_{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7½%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.45-6.44%*
30-year bonds $101^{9}/_{32}$-$101^{5}/_{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8160	£: $1.8170*
£: DM3.1317	$: DM1.7255*
£: SwFr2.6187	$: SwFr1.4437*
£: FFr10.5818	$: FFr5.8280*
£: Yen227.18	$: Yen125.17*
£: Index:77.1	$: Index:93.7
ECU £0.661508	SDR £0.750110

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $450.50 pm-$449.00
close $449.00-449.50 (£247.00-247.50)
New York:
Comex $448.60-449.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm $15.50bbl ($16.86)
* Denotes latest trading price

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Textured Jersey (01666) leapt 17p after developing a minimum-shrink cotton while Sovereign Oil (02376) shed 10p on a weaker oil price.

● Recent additions include: Sound Diffusion 7¼% convertible preference 02954; Sanderson Electronic 02946. Concorde Energy has changed its name to Kelt Energy — sharecode still 02730.

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Very real concern for Clowes investors, says liquidator

Loans of £85m not properly recorded

By Cliff Feltham

Accountants handling the break-up of the crashed Barlow Clowes Investment Group last night claimed that about £85 million of the £138 million of investors' money held by the group had been lent out without any proper documentation by financier Mr Peter Clowes.

Mr Michael Jordan of Cork Gully, which is working alongside Ernst & Whinney, said: "There is a very substantial deficiency of current information as far as investors are concerned." He disclosed that his investigations so far had discovered that a total of £85 million had been lent by the offshore arm of Barlow Clowes without any proper records being kept.

He said that a total of £62 million had been lent to companies connected with Mr Clowes, and at the last count had traced a couple of dozen companies which had received money. In addition, £13 million had been lent to companies connected with Mr Guy von Cramer, who with Peter Clowes took over Buckley's, the Welsh brewery, last year.

According to the accountants another £2 million had been lent to James Ferguson Holdings, a further £2 million had gone to Mr David Mitchell, the Geneva-based businessman, and another £1 million went to someone described as "Dr Naylor." Dr Peter Naylor was a director of James Ferguson, but resigned just before Department of Trade inspectors moved into Barlow Clowes.

There was also another £5 million outstanding, making up the total of £85 million.

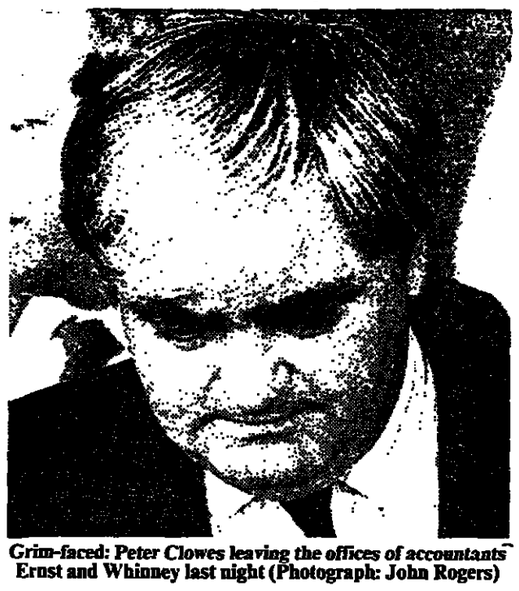
Mr Jordan, who has spent

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the past few days with Mr Clowes, trying to sort out his affairs, said: "There is no documentation supporting these loans. There is nothing to say the terms or interest or repayment basis, and Clowes understands that."

Mr Jordan thought that about £15 million of the outstanding sums might be realized, and he hoped to get back another £11 million which had been lent on a "back-to-back" basis in Gibraltar.

"One hopes that we will also be recovering maybe £26 million if possible," he said. He said that their inquiries had uncovered £2 million in gilts and around £14 million in cash in banks in Gibraltar and Jersey.



Grim-faced: Peter Clowes leaving the offices of accountants Ernst and Whinney last night (Photograph: John Rogers)

He confirmed that Mr Clowes had assigned his personal finances to the investigating accountants. The five boxes of deeds included property worth about £1½ million, shares in Buckley's, a stake in C H Bailey, the shipbuilders, a stake in J England, a food company, worth £1.75 million and about 10 million shares in James Ferguson.

Mr Jordan admitted there was "a very real concern for small investors" and said it would be a long time, if at all, before any pay-out.

He confirmed that they had also taken into their possession a second yacht owned by Mr Clowes. In this case the accountants had paid $500,000 (£275,000) into escrow for the damaged boat, which is in the South of France. Asked if Mr Clowes had expressed any concern for what had happened Mr Jordan said: "Yes. He is contrite. He has offered no explanation for what happened. He said he had made mistakes. But he is still convinced investors will get all of their money back.

"He has admitted he authorized the shredding of documents.

However, the scenario for investors in Barlow Clowes Gilt Management, the UK end of his empire, looks much less bleak. Mr Jordan and Mr Nigel Hamilton, a senior partner with Ernst & Whinney, said there was £50 million of scrip which had been converted into cash and was now worth £52,336,000.



Stepping into an uncertain future: Pamela Clowes yesterday

We are facing personal ruin, says Mrs Clowes

The wife of millionaire Mr Peter Clowes fought back tears yesterday as she admitted the family faced *personal ruin*.

Blonde-haired Mrs Pamela Clowes said at her £350,000 home in the stockbroker village of Prestbury, Cheshire: "Peter's done everything he can. We've given up all our assets — every single one: the *property, the boat — everything.*"

Mrs Clowes said she was unsure about keeping the house in Paddock Brow, Prestbury, which she shares with her husband and their three teenage children.

Suchard plan for Rowntree shunned

By Cliff Feltham

Rowntree, the York confectionery company, last night shunned plans to become an international force by again pouring cold water on a £2 billion plus takeover bid from Jacobs Suchard, the Swiss chocolate company.

Suchard, in its keenly awaited offer document, offers a key job for at least one member of the Rowntree board as part of its plans to create a world force in the confectionery market.

But Mr Nick Nightingale, the Rowntree director coordinating the defence, said: "The document seems to confirm that Suchard needs us more than we need them."

Suchard, which is currently offering 950p a share for Rowntree and owns 29.9 per cent of the business, confirms that the York headquarters will continue to play a key role in the running of the enlarged group.

The document gives plans for at least one Rowntree director to join the board of Suchard after the takeover with other representatives forming part of Suchard's "*inner cabinet*" — the chief executive office headed by Mr Klaus Jacobs.

There are no firm job guarantees for the Rowntree workforce but Suchard says that the global management of Rowntree's brands will continue to be run from York.

Says Suchard: "A partnership with Rowntree will achieve our goal by turning two companies with strength in national markets into a world leader. This partnership offers great potential for Rowntree because it will enhance marketing and distribution worldwide; combine complementary product and brand strengths; maintain Rowntree's significant presence in York; and increase opportunities for management and employees."

Last night Suchard, which along with rival bidder Nestlé has refused to confirm whether any talks have been held with Rowntree, indicated that at least two members of the York board might be offered jobs on the enlarged board.

But Nestlé, which is expected to raise its 900.5p bid for Rowntree, pointed to the high level of debt which Suchard was entering into to finance the bid.

Mr Nightingale of Rowntree added: "The financing problems are for them to consider. The stock market has accepted our view that 950p a share doesn't value the Rowntree business."

Bank 'misled' over £29m brewery bid

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Anthony Solomons, chairman of Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, claimed yesterday that he had been misled by Mr Peter Clowes, head of Barlow Clowes, when the bank helped Mr Clowes and Mr Guy von Cramer acquire Buckley's Brewery for £29 million last September.

This follows disclosures in *The Times* yesterday that Mr Clowes had used private investors' money from Barlow Clowes to help fund the takeover of Buckley's. The investors thought their money was being put into gilts.

Mr Solomons said that S&F had no idea that money from Barlow Clowes' investors had been used for the takeover. He added that Singer & Friedlander itself was currently chasing Mr Clowes and Mr Cramer for an unpaid debt which could be as much as £5 million.

The debt constitutes money which Singer & Friedlander lent to Brodian, the joint vehicle of Mr Clowes and Mr Cramer, to finance part of the cost of buying Buckley's.

Mr Solomons' disclosures came as Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced that he was appointing inspectors under the Companies Acts to investigate James Ferguson Holdings which acquired Barlow Clowes for £9.2 million last year. Mr Clowes resigned as chairman and chief-executive last week.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Clowes claimed that the Stock Exchange had forced him into selling two computer companies to James Ferguson which were connected with him and which had apparently benefited from interest-free loans from unwitting Barlow Clowes' investors.

Asked why he had put investors' money into a vast range of private and public companies spanning several countries, many of them connected with him, he said: "to get the greatest return for them. If we just invested in gilts there were no circumstances that we could have got the return".

Meanwhile, Mr Solomons said yesterday of the Buckley's Brewery affair: "We had no reason to doubt their (Clowes and Cramer) bona fides. They were brought to us by respectable professionals. We've been as fooled as the public."

"We were very careful but we have been fooled as well".

"We have lent money to Cramer and Clowes and not got it back. We don't have to sue because we have got Buckley's shares as security."

He added that S&F was absolutely satisfied that it had behaved properly.

There is likely to be some form of investigation by the Takeover Panel into the manner in which it now emerges that the Buckley's bid was financed.

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank acting for Buckley's against the bid, raised this issue with the Panel at the time of the bid.

SE launch for 'sapco' investment

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

A new style of property investment has reached London with the quotation on the Stock Exchange of Billingsgate City Securities preference shares. Billingsgate is the first single asset property company (sapco), permitted by a change in the Stock Exchange's listing requirements.

Billingsgate owns the City headquarters of Midland Montagu in Lower Thames Street. It is let on a 35-year lease at £5 million a year.

The 26 million preference shares are entitled to more than 30 per cent of the rents and future rent increases, and 30 per cent of the building's value on liquidation.

The preference shares were sold at 100p to institutional investors two years ago. Yesterday, they rose to 115p.

Factory costs and retail index rise

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Industry's fuel and raw material costs rose sharply last month, suggesting an increase in inflationary pressures in the economy.

The announcement came as the pound pushed higher on the foreign exchanges.

Manufacturing industry's fuel and raw material costs jumped by 2 per cent last month to show a rise of 5.5 per cent on a year earlier, the Department of Trade and Industry said. This compared with a 12-month increase of 3.1 per cent in April.

The pound closed three-quarters of a pfennig up at DM3.1317, having traded above DM3.14 for much of the day. It closed fractionally down at $1.8160 against the dollar.

Output price figures showed a rise of 0.3 per cent in "factory gate" prices last month, for a 12-month rise of 4.2 per cent, little changed from the 4.3 per cent rate recorded in April.

Retail sales rose again last month, creating a new record and providing further evidence that the consumer boom is far from over.

The volume of retail sales rose by 0.2 per cent to 136.7 (1980=100) last month, 8.2 per cent up on a year earlier. In the latest three months, sales volume was up by 1.25 per cent compared with the previous three months, and by 7 per cent on a year earlier.

The value of retail sales last month was £8.09 billion, 12 per cent up on May 1987. In the first five months of the year, the value of sales was 10 per cent higher than in the same period of last year.

Slump in turnover hits gilts

By Our City Staff

Low levels of activity, a feature of the equity market, are now hitting gilts, putting pressure on the 23 firms of market-makers.

Turnover of long-dated gilts, measured in the number of daily bargains, is almost down to pre-Big Bang levels. And with commissions down sharply on the levels prevailing then, the position is becoming serious.

Figures compiled by Mr Glenn Davies of CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbroker, show that gilt market turnover in May was 15 per cent down, in cash terms, on a year earlier. Measured in terms of the number of bargains, the fall is even more dramatic, with an average of around 4,000 daily bargains in the March-May period.

Top people's estate agent plans for higher profile

Savills set to sail in with £50m float

By Martin Waller

Savills, the top people's estate agent, is coming to the stock market next month with a probable price tag of £40 million to £50 million.

Numbered among its upmarket clientele are the executors of the late Lord Samuel of Wych Cross, who are selling the Wych Cross Place Estate in Sussex for £3 million, with another £500,000 for six cottages on the 200-acre-plus estate.

In its latest financial year three out of four home buyers through Savills in London were of British nationality, paying an average of £424,000 for a house and £243,000 for a flat.

Some 39 per cent of them held jobs in the world of finance, although not necessarily in the City. But with house prices managing to rise at a time when the stock market indices were on the slide, the Savills chairman, Mr George Inge, reckons the London residential market is not entirely dependent on the fortunes of the City.

Demand has stayed at high levels for prime properties into this summer's selling season despite the crash, although prices have not been rising at the breakneck speed seen a year ago.

The board has yet to decide whether the issue will be an offer for sale or a placing, Mr Inge said.

Savills has its roots as an agricultural agent in the mid-19th century, although the main engine of expansion recently has been commercial property. This accounted for some 44 per cent of the group's turnover, which topped £20 million in the year to end-April, the chairman added.

The residential side with £460 million sales last year accounted for 29 per cent of turnover.

Staff had risen by about 150 to 575 over the past year or so, most of the expansion coming from the build-up of the commercial division, which has offices in the City and in London's docklands, in Wapping and on the Isle of Dogs. The group has another three offices for residential property in London, with 16 more around the country.

The flotation will involve between 25 and 30 per cent of the company. Some 16.5 per cent is in the hands of employees other than the 23 former equity partners who hold the balance.

The issue is likely to raise between £10 million and £15 million, with new money accounting for more than half of it.

"The reason for the flotation is primarily to finance our three-year strategic programme for expanding the business, said Mr Inge.

"It will also enhance the profile of Savills with the man in the street," the chairman added.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

CRH adds to Dutch side with £8.1m deal

CRH, the Irish building products group formerly known as Cement-Roadstone Holdings, is expanding in The Netherlands with the 28.2 million guilders (£8.1 million) purchase of Verwo Holding, a privately-owned operator, which makes concrete products.

Verwo made trading profits in the year to end-December of 6.2 million guilders. It will merge with CRH's Dutch concrete products operations, and Mr Kees van Straten, the Verwo managing director, will run the combined business. CRH's other Dutch interests include the Van Neerbos Group, a chain of builders' merchants and DIY stores, and 80 per cent of Heras, a fencing and security gate company.

SavaCentre pays £7m

Metal Closures Group, the specialist packaging company, is receiving £7 million in a payment related to its recent sale of a plot of land in Colney, Hertfordshire, to SavaCentre for £10 million. SavaCentre had agreed to pay Metal Closures a further £7 million if it gained outline planning permission for a retail store on the land, which it has now done.

Meyer buys out partner

Meyer International, the timber and builders' merchant, has concluded the buying-out of Pont-Meyer, its partner in a Netherlands joint venture, for 72.8 million guilders (£20.5 million). The deal was announced last month. Meyer initially had no straight equity in the venture, but owned convertible loan stock equivalent to 29.1 per cent.

Waverley's gold stake

Waverley Mining Finance, the investment group headed by Mr William McLucas, which is based in Edinburgh, has bought 3 million shares in Clogau Gold Mines giving it a 6.43 per cent stake. Clogau, after a recent reverse takeover, is controlled by Mr Frank Lubbock, an Australian mining entrepreneur, who holds a 52.26 per cent stake. Clogau's assets include three substantial gold properties in Western Australia.

Originally, Clogau held an interest in the St David's mine in Wales, the traditional supplier of gold for Royal wedding rings. Mr McLucas says the 3 million stake comes after an assessment that Clogau is set to increase its annual gold production from 12,000 ounces to 100,000 ounces.

Property group ahead

Property Partnerships, the Norwich investment and hotel owning group, raised pretax profits from £1.4 million to £1.6 million last year. The company says it is expecting a further growth in its rental income and its profits from property investments. Shareholders collect a final dividend of 3p, making a total of 4.75p.

Consultancy for WSP

WSP Holdings, the consulting engineer which trades as Williams, Sale Partnership, has made its first acquisition since coming to the USM in September by buying Cairas & Byles, the engineering consultancy, for up to £838,000. WSP is paying £338,000 in new shares, with the balance due in two tranches over two years.

Hughes Food expands

Hughes Food Group, the south Humberside fish and food processor, is adding a new division with the £5 million purchase of Eurocon, a manufacturer of collapsible aluminium tubes for pharmaceutical and toiletry products. The aim is to build up a fifth large profit centre within the group, a packaging division which, besides serving Eurocon's existing markets, will supply a range of food pastes and sauces to be developed by Hughes and sold to retail outlets.

The consideration is half cash and half in new Hughes shares. The vendors are the finance and managing directors of Eurocon and a local businessman. Eurocon, based in Hull, employs 120 people. Pretax profits for the year to end-December were £420,000 on sales of £3.4 million, but current trading was thought to be ahead of this, the company said.

Citygrove subsidiary

Citygrove, the property developer, best known for its out-of-town retail schemes, has formed Citygrove Retail, a subsidiary to concentrate on town centre developments. It will be run by Mr Paul Jillard, a director of Bryant Group, the builder based in the West Midlands and managing director of its subsidiary, Bryant Properties.

Bett Brothers edges ahead

Pretax profits at Bett Brothers, the Dundee-based contracting and property group, edged forward from £431,000 to £512,000 in the six months to end-February. Sales were lower, however, at £7.9 million compared with £8.1 million. An interim dividend of 1.4p was declared (1.3p). The trend for the second half of the year is favourable.

TEMPUS

Ambitious Magnet has lot to prove

Magnet has not been forgiven for failing to fulfil the market's hopes for its new strategy to take the home improvement retail market by storm.

Analysts had been forecasting a 60 per cent jump in 1987-88 profits at the beginning of the year, but, after a painful period when estimates were downgraded, the growth was only half that.

Magnet was undoubtedly naive in assessing how long it would take to establish new or refurbished branches. It also underestimated the task of redirecting a manufacturing base used to driving the group forward itself. Now the business claims to be customer led.

Last year's convertible issue helped keep borrowings down despite a capital expenditure programme of more than £60 million. At the year end gearing was below 3 per cent.

The proposed sale of Southerns Evans should raise about £90 million and strengthen the balance sheet further. This business accounts for about £100 million of sales and £8 million of profits.

The group's ambitions to become the number one home improvement retailer within five years will place a heavy burden on the balance sheet.

This year 60 openings are planned and 100 units are to be refurbished. Magnet intends to have more than 300 outlets within three years.

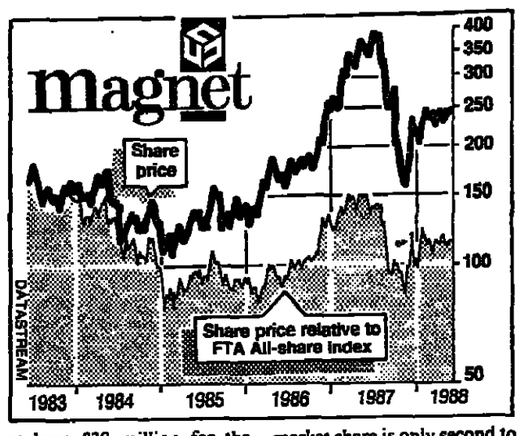
The preference for leasehold sites reduces the capital cost, although up to £50 million has been earmarked for this year's programme. There will also, however, be pressure on the management systems within the group, ensuring the vertically integrated structure operates to the best advantage.

Magnet still has a lot to prove in terms of the consistency and quality of its earnings.

Meanwhile, the customers' image of the company has become clearer. Trade customers, previously the bread and butter of the business, now account for less than 40 per cent of retail sales.

Retailing sales so far this year are 20 per cent higher than a year ago and margins are wider. Pretax profits this year should exceed £73 million, placing the shares on a p e of 10 times.

Investors confidence is still bruised so the shares are no more than a hold.



Emap

Emap not only reports the news, it makes it. And the latest result for the year ended April 2 is another example of "page one" material from this progressive group.

Against general market expectations of £23 million pretax, Emap yesterday turned in £25 million against a previous £15 million, leaving the market to raise its sights to at least £30 million for the current year.

While strong advertising revenues, volumes and higher margins played their part in improving profits from organic operations, Emap is particularly seeing rewards from the acquisitions made during the year. Of the £10 million pretax increase, newcomers to its fold were responsible for £5.5 million of the improvement.

Emap spent £57.5 million in a mixture of shares and cash on nine acquisitions last year, and the hunt for profitable deals is not over yet.

There is still room to raise its market share in the newspaper and magazine sector — currently esumated at between 5 per cent and 7 per cent — and in the exhibitions area where Emap with a 10 per cent market share is only second to Reed.

Last month's £8 million deal to acquire Associated Kent Newspapers is currently — and not unexpectedly — the subject of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission reference, but assuming the all-clear this should prove a useful addition to the family.

Meanwhile, advertising volumes are already running a good 20 per cent ahead in the first two months of this fiancial year.

Emap still has enough opportunities to explore within its core divisions at present, and is therefore not looking at the cable and satellite television openings which have attracted so many of the larger publishing groups.

With a net £7 million in cash at balance sheet date, the group remains well-funded for the next series of acquisitions.

The shares suffered along with others from Black Monday blues, but have come up from a November low of 134p to 209p and yesterday rose by another 9p on results.

They remain a sound and quality holding, but the prospective rating of 15 times for this year and 13 for next largely recognizes that.

Alexon Group

Working women with successful careers know how difficult it was in the 1970s to find practical, stylish clothes suitable for the male-dominated office environment. But in the 1980s, as the number of successful women has increased, a growing number of manufacturers and retailers have moved to fill the gap.

It is among this group of power-dressers, whose clothes should be neither highly fashionable nor dowdy, feminine but not sexy, that Alexon Group has found its niche.

But finding itself in the right market niche at the right time is only part of the Alexon story. Indeed, the group nearly went off the rails in 1984, when it tried to introduce a more expensive, less traditional range.

However, it had joined forces with Claremont, suppliers of women's wear to Marks and Spencer and, in what was effectively a reverse takeover, the Claremont management took control

The manufacturing skills of Claremont were applied to Alexon, enabling the latter to simultaneously reduce its prices and widen its margins in 1985. Last year, the group branched out further, buying D&H Cohen, the Glasgow-based manufacturer of men's wear and children's wear for Marks and Spencer.

Sales last year jumped by 20 per cent to £70 million and pretax profits rose by 38 per cent to £9.5 million. This year, when a full year of D&H Cohen is included, Alexon-branded goods, sold through its 176 outlets, will account for 40 per cent of group sales.

However, the rest of the group's business consists of sales to Marks and Spencer, meaning that this year Alexon will be dependent on Marks for 60 per cent of its sales. To redress the balance, Alexon is now looking for a retailing acquisition.

The group has the resources and the market will wait with interest to see whether it can repeat the Alexon success story.

There will be no lack of financial resources. With analysts forecasting £11.6 million pretax this year, cash flows will again be strong and the balance sheet is free of net debt. The prospective multiple of 11 looks undemanding.

Mowat Group in £5m rights issue

By Colin Campbell

Mowat Group, which joined the USM on Christmas Eve, is raising £5 million through a one-for-two rights issue at 34p a share.

It will use the new funds to reduce borrowings and fund expansion.

Pretax profits in its first year to March 31 were £1.14 million, compared with £442,000, on a turnover that rose from £5.9 million to £8.8 million.

The group says trading this year has started well, and that Peerglow Homes, the residential division, will be starting work on at least 300 units in the current year.

This includes developments at Northaw, Hertfordshire, and Atherstone, Warwickshire, both of which represent a widening of its geographical areas.

Other planned developments include office development at Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, and industrial and warehouse units at Wolverton, Milton Keynes.

The group is to change its year end to June, starting in 1989.

A final dividend of 0.5p a share is declared. The shares were unchanged at 47p yesterday.

Harrison Industries soars 35% to £3.9m

By Martin Waller

The continuing buoyancy of the British construction industry helped Harrison Industries, the door manufacturer and engineer, to a 35 per cent pretax profits rise, from £2.91 million to £3.92 million, for the year to end-March.

Sales rose by 31 per cent to £32.73 million.

Mr Tim Harrison, the chairman, said inquiry and order levels indicated that further progress was achievable, aided by possible suitable acquisitions.

The company is believed to be close to clinching a purchase outside Britain, probably in the power transmission field.

A final dividend of 4.75p raises the total to 6.85p, from 5.75p last time.

Harrison recently won what is claimed to be the largest ever single order for industrial doors in the Middle East.

The doors are destined for an unnamed country, and the order is worth £2 million.

With stage payments to be made before delivery, most of the profits from this contract should come in the current financial year.

Continuous increases to £1.03m

By Our City Staff

Continuous Stationery, the business forms manufacturer which took over Prontaprint Holdings, reported pretax profits of £1.03 million for the year to April 1, compared with £529,000 previously and £87,000 the year before.

Net earnings for the year are shown at 9.54p a share, compared with 4.92p, and the final dividend of 2.25p a share makes 3p (2p) for the year. The shares remained at 90p.

The results include a net exceptional credit of £243,000, after the sale of a group property — less costs. Excluding this item, and assuming tax at 35 per cent, earnings would have been 6.58p (4.4p) per share for the year.

Group turnover was £9.87 million compared with £7.71 million.

Prontaprint, which joined the group after the year-end, made pretax profits for its year to March 25 of £891,000 (£213,000), on a turnover of £4 million (£3.5 million).

The group also acquired Fairholt Business Forms during the year. It made a five-month contribution.

Continuous Stationery says the balance sheet remains strong, with net cash balances of £600,000. The objective of building the group into a force in the business supplies and services market remains.

The Prontaprint acquisition was a major part of this strategy, the board said.

Company records office to be an agency by autumn

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is to be the first minister to establish an executive agency in his department under the Ibbs plan for Whitehall reform.

He has told his Civil Servants that he hopes the Companies Registration Office in Cardiff will become an agency in the autumn, six months before the deadline set for the rest of Whitehall.

A new chief executive is to be appointed to run the office, which is the official deposit for company records.

It contains details of the affairs of about a million organizations.

The office also includes search rooms in London and a Scottish office in Edinburgh.

No decision has yet been made on whether the new chief executive will be sought from the private sector.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has indicated that she wants to see the names of candidates before appointment.

The Ibbs plan, was contained in a report to the Prime Minister from Sir Robin Ibbs, her efficiency adviser and a former ICI executive.

It set out guidelines under which blocks of Whitehall would be hived off into agencies, run by streamlined, and more accountable management.

Several ministers came forward with suggestions for the new agencies.

These are to include the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Directorate in the Department of Transport; the non-nuclear research divisions of the Ministry of Defence; Her Majesty's Stationery Office; the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London; the Employment Services Division of the Department of Employment and the Immigration and Nationality Division of the Home Office, in Croydon.

It is unlikely that all the sections will be ready for hiving off by the official deadline of April 1989. Lord Young's seizing the initiative will allow him and his department to establish important precedents, for example in dealing with the Whitehall clerical unions.

Although apprehensive about the reforms, the unions have taken no hostile action.

Financing setback for Icahn bid

New York (Reuter) — Mr Carl Icahn, who owns 14.8 per cent of Texaco, said he was having trouble raising finance for his $12.4 billion (£6.8 billion) offer at $60 a shares for the Texaco stock he does not already own.

In a pre-trial deposition, Mr Icahn testified he had been negotiating with Gulf Canada Resources for it to invest $4.1 billion in his bid for Texaco, according to a transcript. But he said the talks were "on hold" because both sides were reviewing their positions.

Mr Icahn was questioned at the hearing by lawyers for Texaco. His deposition was taken for lawsuits over his fight to take over the New York-based oil company.

Mr Icahn had previously said he had spoken with a bank that saw no problem in funding the bid, which Texaco has rejected.

Asked if the bank — Citibank — had indeed said it saw no problem, he replied: "I said this possibly out of context. It would be a little optimistic if I said that." But he said the deal would be "do-able" if Texaco Canada, 78 per cent owned by Texaco, were sold to Gulf Canada, which is controlled by Toronto's Reichmann family.

J Cropper tops £2m

James Cropper, the Cumbria-based paper manufacturer, raised its pretax profits by £380,000 to £2.06 million in the year to April 2, boosted by a slowing-down in the rate of pulp prices.

Mr Oliver Acland, a director, said the current year should show further improvement, with full order books and the benefits of energy savings from its new combined heat and power plant which started running at the end of the last financial year.

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James Cropper PLC

The following are the unaudited preliminary figures for the year ended 2nd April 1988:

Profit and Loss Account	1988 £'000	1987 £'000
Turnover	32,707	29,109
Profit before taxation	2,060	1,680
Taxation	59	79
Profit after taxation	2,001	1,601
Dividends:		
Interim–2.7% (1987 2.2%)	55	44
Proposed final–5.8% (1987 4.3%)	117	87
Amount set aside to reserves	1,829	1,470
Earnings per share of 25p	24.8p	19.9p

This was a year of good progress with tonnage and turnover further increasing and record profits being achieved. Consequently the proposed total dividend is increased by 31%.

Currently the order book is full. Margins are generally under pressure with raw material prices, both for pulp and other materials, moving ahead in recent months after some stability last summer.

However, the Company is striving to produce better results this year with a higher volume from papermaking and converting, and an improving contribution from its subsidiary, Technical Fibre Products Ltd.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Burneside Mills, Kendal, on Thursday 28th July 1988 at 10.30 a.m.

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Electronics sector ignores role of staff at its own peril, claims study

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Not enough companies in the electronics industry are encouraging employees to become more closely involved in the business, according to a new study.

Alarmed at this finding – made in a report on a group of high-technology companies – the National Economic Development Office (Nedo) said: "Successful employee involvement in all areas of company acitivity can be the difference between corporate survival and failure."

Nedo argues that change can be managed more successfully if employees are more closely involved.

The report said: "The pace of technological and other changes in United Kingdom electronics firms is increasing. If companies in these industries are to survive and prosper in today's highly competitive world markets, they must development effective strategies for continuously managing change."

It added: "Adapting to market turbulence and increasing competitiveness is not dependent on changes in technology or systems, but on the competence, commitment and capacity for change of employees. Firms which recognize this have in their hands the key to the long-term management of change."

It went on: "For some firms in the electronics industry, the case for employee involvement is well proven, but for far too many others, its critical importance in the management of change continues to be overlooked. There is no evidence that the industry has any greater commitment than other other to involving employees."

Earlier studies showed that only about one company in three incorporated employee involvement in the management of change.

It is clear from the report that the paraphernalia of communication and participation – company committees, councils, systems for employee communication – does not necessarily secure effective employee involvement.

In the Nedo studies, the most critical task turned out to be offering the right corporate climate for employee involvement mechanisms to work. That could involve changing the whole underlying management culture, a much more difficult task than rearranging structures, said the report.

The driving force was commitment of top management to employee involvement, but middle- and first-line managers also needed to be committed. The most perceptive companies invested heavily in off-the-job training, to give employees a better chance of maximizing their involvement.

Employer commitment to employee involvement tends to wax and wane, usually increasing when a company faces some crisis. Some of the case study companies discovered that when crisis loomed, they found their employee involvement procedures had lost vitality and were in poor shape.

One manager said: "It was like reaching for the fire extinguisher and finding it did not work."

Employee Involvement in the Electronics Industry: summary and guidelines: £4 from Nedo Books, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4QX.

Reed Int sells US paper business

By Joe Joseph

Reed International has sold its North American paper business to the Canadian subsidiary of Daishowa Paper, a Japanese paper-maker, for Can$565 million (£255 million) cash. The sale is a key part of Reed's plan to sell its manufacturing interests and focus purely on publishing.

Reed is also negotiating the sale of is European paper and packaging interests. In the absence of higher offers, these are likely to fall to a management-led team, which is willing to pay more than £600 million for the businesses.

Mr Peter Davis, the chief executive of Reed, said Daishowa had a big forests products business in western Canada and the US and was committed to developing its newsprint interests.

The group consists mainly of Quebec Mill, which produces more than 400,000 tonnes of newsprint a year. It has 2,300 employees and made trading profits in the year to April 2 of £39.4 million on turnover of £187 million. The sale is expected to be completed within three months.

Mr Yomo Saito, the managing director of Daishowa Paper, said the purchase marked "a major step in Daishowa's globalization programme. Reed's strength in the North American and European newsprint markets will enable Daishowa to consider future expansion opportunities

Magnet's £57.5m disappoints



Building on the kitchen business: Tom Duxbury, the chairman of Magnet, yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan)

By Alexandra Jackson

The 30 per cent increase in 1987-88 pretax profits at Magnet, the manufacturer and retailer of kitchens, bedrooms and other timber products, to £57.5 million was not enough to satisfy the City yesterday and the shares lost 4p to 249p.

The mark down reflected disillusionment with the group which at one stage had been expected to make pretax profits of more than £70 million last year. However, delays in securing sites for the store opening programme and disruptions on the manufacturing side of the business, led to more modest growth.

Sales advanced from £318.7 million to £375.6 million and operating margins widened from 14.5 per cent to 15.6 per cent. Earnings per share advanced from 15.8p to 18.9p. A final dividend of 4.4p was declared, making a total of 6.9p for the year.

Profits included £2.8 million from property sales, up from £1.3 million in 1986-87. Rationalization costs of £1.2 million were taken above the line.

Mr Tom Duxbury, the chairman, warned that the current year will bear the brunt of an extensive store opening programme. He still expected the business to make good progress.

Magnet aims to open 60 new outlets this year and to refurbish 100 stores. This will increase the retailing space during the year from 707,000 sq ft to 1.2 million sq ft.

Details of the sale of Magnet's timber merchanting subsidiary, Southerns Evans, is expected within the next few weeks. About two dozen initial inquiries have been whittled down to two serious contenders. The amount being sought is understood to be in excess of £85 million.

Mr Albert King has joined Magnet from Crystalate as group finance director.

Magnet's biggest business is in kitchens.

The group has plans to step up its efforts in the custom built windows market.

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Stylish Alexon fashions £9.5m profit

By Carol Ferguson

Preliminary results from Alexon Group, the co-ordinated womenswear manufacturer and retailer, reveal that the group is occupying a fast-growing fashion niche. Pretax profits jumped 38 per cent to £9.51 million, on turnover up 20 per cent to £70 million.

Positioned midway between Jaeger and Next, the Alexon brand appeals to the fashion-conscious, elegant woman in the 30-plus age group – a market sector which is enjoying rising discretionary spending power as more and more women have successful careers.

The Alexon brand will this year account for 40 per cent of sales, the balance being sales to Marks and Spencer, through its subsidiary Claremont Garments, and the recently acquired D&H Cohen.

Mr Peter Wiegand, Alexon's chairman, said that Claremont had invested heavily in manufacturing facilities. "This has made Claremont one of the most efficient manufacturers in our industry, and well placed to counter the margin pressures evident throughout the sector", he said.

This year, Claremont, supplier of ladieswear to Marks and Spencer, will account for 35 per cent of its sales, and D&H Cohen, manufacturer of menswear and childrenswear, for 25 per cent, making the group dependent on Marks and Spencer for 60 per cent of its sales.

"Our strategy is to redress the balance both by growing organically and by the acquisition of a retail business", Mr Weigand said. "We will continue to grow Alexon outlets, but we need something else. We have the skills in retailing, and we feel that there is more value added in retail."

During the past financial year, the group moved from net borrowings of £1.5 million to net cash of £1.5 million, despite paying £14.3 million in cash, shares and loan notes for D&H Cohen last November, and investing £4 million on capital expenditure last year.

Cash inflows included £7 million of internally generated funds, £3.5 million from the sale of its Hornsea pottery interests, and £6 million cash in D&H Cohen's balance sheet.

Group earnings per share were 30.7p, up 34 per cent, and the dividend was increased 33 per cent to 8p net.

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Distiller may be bid target

By Colin Campbell

Invergordon Distillers, the Scottish whisky group in which Hawker Siddeley has a 65 per cent stake, is being lined up for a possible bid.

A statement from Greig Middleton and Company, the broker, said last night that it was advising on the possibility of an offer being made for the group. The broker did not say who it was advising, and emphasized that the possibility of an offer was still at an early stage.

Invergordon has a market capitalization of £58.6 million at last night's share price of 256p, and has been the subject of persistent stock market speculation on the grounds that it is not a core holding for Hawker Siddeley.

Invergordon said that neither it nor Hawker Siddeley had been approached, nor had either had talks with anybody.

Analysts suggest that if the Hawker stake was to be sold, it could command a considerable premium.

Ivory slips by 5% as costs rise

By Our City Staff

Ivory & Sime, the Edinburgh fund management group, suffered a 5 per cent decline in pretax profits to £3.3 million last year.

The group also gave warning that the effect of the stock market crash would be more noticeable on this year's revenues.

Revenues last year grew by 13 per cent to £9.3 million, due to a combination of the high level of fee income earned in the period prior to the October crash, and to new business fee income.

However, the group's move into the retail investment market, through the formation of the financial services division, caused operating costs to rise.

Development costs in Hong Kong and Japan, and new business commission payments also ate into margins.

Earnings per share slipped 6 per cent to 8.34p. The dividend was unchanged at 5.75p net.

Ratner blackballs Club

Crammed in among the screaming babies and tourists in the economy class of a British Airways jet flying back from New York at the weekend was multi-millionaire Gerald Ratner, chairman of the jewellery chain, and Andrew Coppell, his finance director. On the same homeward-bound flight were the 21 British retailing analysts they had just escorted around Sterling, their new jewellery operation in Akron, Ohio. But, even though Ratner had insisted that the brokers pay their own air fares for the three-day trip, less than a handful were seated with him and Coppell in the cheapest class. With one or two notable exceptions – among them Buckmaster & Moore and Capel-Cure Myers – the analysts were lording it on free champagne in Club. "I did feel a bit left out," bemoans Ratner. "but it's double the fare in Club, and flying back and forwards all the time, like we do, I think it's a waste of money." I hope his shareholders appreciate the sacrifice.

Paper profits

The lawyers are taking over, as if we did not already know it . . . Last week's £359 million management buyout by Bricom, the British & Commonwealth subsidiary, is being touted by City experts as one of the most complicated deals seen in years. Bricom comprises 250 companies, operating in 45 different countries. The legal and financial work involved in making sure that they all fitted into a watertight deal was, I am told, nightmarish. For example, Stuntbrand, the bizarrely named buyout vehicle for Bricom, had 25 lawyers working full-time on the project for six weeks. This resulted, according to one of the participants, in a roomful of documents. The papers, which were finally signed late last Thursday night to clinch it all, made a pile some two feet high. Curiously, no one is saying how much all this expert advice cost. But lawyers do not come cheap, and it could also turn out to have been one of the most expensive deals for years.



"Their Porsche has an extendable table"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Patched into the firm

It is good to hear that the gentlemen of the City still make an effort to help new colleagues feel at home, and that – despite the traumas of the past year – they have not entirely lost their sense of humour. Building sector specialist Andy Ritchie has just moved from CIBC – Grenfell and Colegrave to you and me – to SBCI (Savory Milln). Just before he started his new job the poor chap had an accident and was forced to arrive on his first day sporting a black eye-patch. When he returned from lunch that same day he found no fewer than 30 jovial colleagues all awaiting his arrival – and all wearing identical black eye-patches.

Penny-wise

During much of the lifetime of many readers of this newspaper, high taxation has meant that it has hardly been worth the effort of high-income earners to bother to collect their dividends. The County NatWest WoodMac investment trust team remind us that until 1979, £1 of investment income netted only 2p after tax at the top rate. At 1988 prices, a top-rate taxpayer would have needed to invest £110,000 at the current equity yield of 4.25 per cent to earn enough net annual investment income to buy his daily copy of *The Times*. Poor chap.

WoodMac comeback

The rebuilding of County NatWest WoodMac continues apace. It has, I hear, just signed up the two-man oil team from rival firm Pru Bache Securities, Nick Anthill, aged 30, a former BP employee, and his partner Ian Graham, aged 34, ex-BNOC, will be joining County next month. WoodMac's coverage of the oil sector, once renowned throughout both the City and the industry – its North Sea Service became the industry Bible – went into decline three years ago when its number one-rated oil analyst Carol Ferguson switched from stockbroking to financial journalism with *The Times*. Consequently, the firm sees these latest appointments as a significant step. The pair will be making up a three-man team with County's oil analyst, Graham Andrews who is also, coincidentally, an ex-BP man. "We are now back up to strength," says a spokesman. "We see this as putting us back on the oil map – none of them is rated at the moment but they are all young, up-and-coming stars."

● In its annual report, out yesterday, the Bank for International Settlements – the bankers' central bank, based in Basle – tackled the thorny subject of the stock market crash. In one succinct sentence it summed up the whole event: "There is a widespread feeling that lessons should be drawn, but it is not easy to see what these lessons are." Now we know.

Carol Leonard

COMMENT

Whitehall closes the Clowes stable door

So far, the DTI's explanation of its role in the Barlow Clowes scandal has been limp in the extreme. It is going to have to do a good deal better if it is to escape excoriation at the hands of the independent inquiry set up by Lord Young of Graffham. Astonishingly, given the personal suffering that will clearly arise from the demise of Barlow Clowes, the department has been officially silent, in spite of the stream of disquicting revelations by *The Times* during the past seven days.

But in the unofficial guidance given to journalists and other seekers after truth, a couple of themes recur. Without wishing to prejudge what will be an extensive investigation, neither line of argument amounts to a satisfactory explanation of the department's actions or rather the lack of them. Instead, they strike informed observers as a weak attempt at self-justification.

The department has been pointing out that in the early days of the saga, officials had little powers which it could bring to bear on Barlow Clowes since at the time it was constituted as a partnership and therefore not subject to the Companies Act legislation. This is true but misleading. The Department has at all times been able to invoke powers under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act. These include the ability to refuse or revoke a licence. How many thrifty citizens now feel betrayed by the Government's failure to act in such a way? What seems remarkable in the light of this excuse, is that even when Barlow Clowes ceased its existence as a partnership and became subject to the Companies Act powers, they were then not used.

The department's second theme has been that the stricken Gibraltar operation, where a good deal of the £138 million invested may never return, was offshore and outside the jurisdiction of the British authorities. Again a true but inadequate response.

Had the regulators taken a sufficiently close look at the British end of the business and initiated timely action there, the Gibraltar operation, like a branch severed from its trunk, would not have remained viable. It is welcome that this offshore loophole has been closed under the new financial securities legislation. Today, it is no longer legal to market overseas investment products unless our new watchdogs at the Securities and Investments Board are satisfied that they are regulated no less toughly than is the case here. As so often though, the stable door has closed long after too many horses have bolted.

There is an extensive list of other matters crying out for satisfactory explanation. Why was Barlow Clowes given a licence when the Department knew that the company has been trading illegally for more than a year? Was the monitoring process worth a candle anyway if, as the department discovered far too late, it had been receiving seriously inadequate returns? Since it took a year to approve the Barlow Clowes licence, the department ought by then have been aware of problems long before it acted late last year.

If there is anything remotely encouraging about the Barlow Clowes affair it is that the SIB has acted more speedily and with more purpose than the frankly flat-footed watchdogs employed by the DTI under the old regulatory regime. That may encourage a new generation of investors. But it is cold comfort indeed for those whose retirement years may prove to be blighted by official incompetence.

The sound of silence

What has happened to the move by the Japanese houses Nomura and Daiwa to become market makers in gilts? Since the Bank of England abruptly broke off discussions with the two in April, on instructions from higher up, there has been virtual silence – both official and from the firms themselves – on the subject.

And it now appears that, in the absence of a push for entry, either by Nomura and Daiwa or by their government – neither of which appears very likely – the situation is unlikely to be resolved until the end of the year at the earliest.

For other gilt market participants, hoping that Nomura and Daiwa's entry would give them a crack at that famous Japanese wall of money, it looks like it is going to be an uncomfortably quiet summer.

When the delay in the Nomura and Daiwa application first emerged, hopes were expressed that matters would be quickly resolved, allowing the two to start up by about the middle of June. But mid-June is here, and nothing has changed, except that a British Government minister, in the House of Lords of all places, has confirmed that the blocking of the application is a deliberate act of policy.

Mr Minoru Mori, the managing director of Daiwa Europe's London office, expressed his exasperation at the end of last week with the linking of more UK seats on the Tokyo Stock Exchange – unlikely until well into next year – with the Japanese entry into the gilt market. But he also said that Daiwa would not be actively lobbying the British Government on the subject.

The Japanese Government has expressed its concern about the delay and, on its interpretation, the Bank of England invited Nomura and Daiwa to join the gilt market and then withdrew the invitation. But the protests have been mild and the Japanese Government is anxious not to turn the question of Japanese entry into the gilt market into a major issue.

Indeed, there have been suggestions in Tokyo that Japan's big four securities firms have been gently advised to go slow on their expansion overseas, so as not to create international friction.

In the current environment of low gilt market turnover and limited opportunities for profit, the Government's stance appears both clumsy and churlish. If Japanese firms are willing to lose money in the gilt market, along with most of the other participants, it seems rather bad manners to stop them.

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STOCK MARKET

'Swiss buying shares in UK bank'

Whispers in the market-place are claiming that the mighty Swiss Bank Corporation has started to build a holding in Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, still regarded by City folk as vulnerable to an unwanted bid.

Shares of Morgan Grenfell ran into profit-taking yesterday, ending the day 10p lower at 343p following last week's surge which saw the price close 62p higher on Friday. But dealers are taking the view that there is no smoke without fire and claim that the bank could become the next target of a European predator in the run-up to 1992.

The name of Deutsche Bank, West Germany's biggest banking group, has been bandied about, fuelled by claims that Australian Mr Alan Bond's 8 per cent stake may be for sale after he was ordered to make a full bid for Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group by the Australian authorities.

But the Swiss Bank Corporation is now slowly emerging as a possible suitor. There is talk that it has already picked up a small holding and may be anxious to lift it to just under 5 per cent. Swiss Bank has established a foothold in the City after buying the stockbroking firm of Savory Milln from the Royal Bank of Canada last year.

But the talk was being played down by Morgan Grenfell which is only too aware of the intense bid speculation surrounding the shares. A spokesman replied: "No comment" when asked if there were any signs of a build-up on the share register.

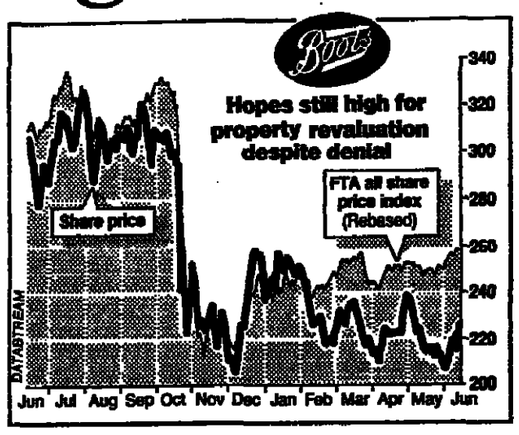
Willis Faber, the Lloyd's insurance broker, continues to hold a 21 per cent stake in Morgan Grenfell but has made known that it would be a seller at the right price if it could also reach agreement with the bank itself.

Any potential suitor is going to have to pay at least 500p a share for Morgan Grenfell — the price at which it was floated at in 1986.

The second leg of the account started on a drab note. Investors were unwilling to commit themselves ahead of today's important US trade figures and prices drifted lower for want of fresh support.

Lucas Industries, the automotive and aerospace components group, cheapened 2p to 536p as an analysts' trip to its Lear Siegler aerospace business in the US got under way. They will, no doubt, be looking to see where Lucas could spend the proceeds of its £163 million issue.

The FT-SE 100 share index, which had come within a whisker of 1,850.0 last Friday, fell away, to stand 16.5 points down at its worst before closing 11 points lower at 1,838.8. The narrower FT 30 share index closed 7.1 points off at 1,461.1.



Gilt-edged stocks relinquished £⅛ to £¼ as the latest retail sales figures and producer price indices showed that inflation was rising.

As expected, dealings in Young Group, the private, coal mining group from County Durham, got off to an impressive start on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Placed at 145p by Lazards, the merchant bank, the shares opened sharply higher at 156p and touched 163p in active trading before closing at 161p, an opening premium of 16p.

Boots, the retailing and pharmaceuticals group, which reported an uninspiring set of annual results last week, showing pretax profits up by a modest 10 per cent at £267.2 million, attracted a sudden bout of speculative interest and closed 6p higher at 227p on a turnover of nearly 7 million shares.

Demand was stimulated by talk that the company was shortly to undertake a property revaluation which could give Boots a net asset value of anything between £4.50 and £5 against the current figure of 166p a share. Many feel that the group is looking vulnerable to a bid and badly needs to bolster its defences.

But a spokesman for Boots immediately denied that the company had any intention of carrying out a revaluation. Mr Zak Keshavjee, an analyst at SBCI Savory Milln, the broker, said: "It is extremely unlikely. Boots normally carries out a revaluation every five years, the last being 18 months ago. I am a seller at the current levels."

County NatWest, the broker, also rates the shares as a sell following the results and says that the underlying earnings growth remains poor.

Hanson acquired a near 5 per cent stake in Boots at about the time of the group's £380 million offer for Flint Laboratories of the US, but later sold the shares at a profit. Talk that Hanson was passing its slide rule over the group revived yesterday after Hoare Govett, the broker, bought a large parcel of 1 million shares.

The revived takeover speculation came on the same day that Hanson, the cash-rich industrial conglomerate, held court to about 100 analysts and fund-managers at the Whitbread brewery in Chiswell Street, London.

Keep an eye on Matthew Hall, the engineering contractor, down 1p at 133p. There is talk that Costain has been giving it the "once-over" and may decide to bid if Trafalgar House, which owns a 7 per cent stake in Costain, continues to pose a threat to its own independence.

Hanson closed 1p lower at 135.5p.

Harris Queensway, the beleaguered carpets and furniture group, jumped by 7p to 170p, after 173p, on a turnover of 2.5 million shares.

Investors chased the shares higher amid speculation that Mr James Gulliver, the former chairman of the Argyll food retailing group, is at the helm of a consortium which has made a bid approach to Sir Philip Harris, the chairman of Harris.

Since Sir Philip announced that he had received a bid approach from an unidentified consortium, the silence has been deafening and the shares have drifted lower.

Still in the stores sector, Ratners, the jewellers, improved by 1p to 269p. Mr Rowan P Morgan, an analyst at Credit Suisse Buckmaster & Moore, the broker, rates the shares as a strong buy following the recent visit by analysts to Sterling, its American subsidiary.

Dealers took the opportunity to "shake the tree" in many of the recent high-flying takeover stocks in the hope that many nervous speculators would fall out.

This proved to be a success, particularly in the oil sector where London & Scottish Marine Oil, which raced up last week on talk of an imminent bid, dropped to 443p at one stage before closing 16p down at 454p.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

WALL STREET

Market waits on US trade figures

New York (Reuter) — Shares were mixed in early trading yesterday with blue chips slightly lower. Brokers said the market was waiting for the US trade deficit report, which is due out before the market opens today.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 5 points lower at 2,096.71, but rising and declining shares were about even.

The most active issues included Chrysler, up by ⅜ at 23¾, Marion Laboratories, down ⅛ at 1⅛ and USG Corporation, up by ¾ at 47⅛.

The Dow average closed 8.36 higher at 2,101.71 on Friday.

● **Singapore** — The market closed on a mixed note in fairly active trading after selective buying alternated with bouts of profit-taking. The *Straits Times'* industrial index closed 3.69 points lower at 1,042.74 after a 3.41-point gain early on.

TOKYO

Nikkei edges ahead

(Reuter) — Prices rose in moderate trading yesterday after Wall Street gained ground on Friday in a market that lacked direction as investors awaited today's US trade figures for April. The Nikkei Dow index rose by 117.14 points, or 0.41 per cent, to 28,037.50. Saturday was a holiday.

Volume was a light 900 million shares against 2.2 billion shares on Friday. Export-related electricals, precision instruments and car shares advanced thanks to the stronger dollar. Market participants were worried that the dollar's rise could lead to inflation in Japan.

Large capital stocks such as steels, the stars of a bull market last week, slowed their advance.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,050	Coats	569	Land Sec	229	Royal Ins	207
Abbey	1,852	CU	2,057	Laporte	369	Saatchi	960
Allid-Lyons	1,250	Cons Gold	360	L&G	1,290	Sainsbury	1,524
Amstrad	1,117	Cookson	238	Lloyds	2,867	Scot & N	368
ASDA	1,665	Courtaulds	706	Lonrho	2,524	Sears	1,010
AB Foods	399	Daigety	267	Lucas	49	Sedgwick	423
Argyll	2,096	Dee	272	Magnet	1,599	Shell	556
BAA	1,600	Dixons	1,934	M&S	1,648	Smith & N	1,042
BET	1,346	ECC	210	Maxwell Cm	221	Smith WH	2,364
BTR	1,138	Enterprise	1,613	MEPC	320	Smiths Ind	100
BAT	607	Ferranti	670	Metal Box	378	STC	1,415
Barclays	673	Fisons	2,122	Midland	1,119	Stan Chart	669
Bass	159	FKI Babck	864	NatWest	1,008	Storehse	308
Beecham	2,043	Gen Acc	631	Next	682	Sun Allince	331
Beazer	208	GEC	2,885	Nth Food	878	T & N	305
Berisfd SW	249	Glaxo	1,570	P&O	535	Tarmac	709
BICC	380	Globe Inv	114	Pearl	451	Tate & Lyle	382
Blue Arrow	2,257	Glynwed	471	Pearson	183	TSB	4,124
Blue Circle	371	Granada	1,549	Pilkington	2,578	Tesco	1,584
BOC	418	Grand Met	1,213	Plessey	963	Thorn EMI	783
Boots	6,965	GUS 'A'	134	Prudential	3,749	Trafalgar	1,300
BPB	1,412	GRE	321	Racal	1,623	THF	1,606
Br Aero	1,276	GKN	44	Rk Hovis	696	Ultramar	1,060
Br Airways	2,281	Guinness	1,018	Rank	88	Unigate	2,058
Br Comm	958	Hamm 'A'	393	R&C	161	Unilever	852
Br Gas	7,750	Hanson	4,479	Redland	394	United Bis	801
Br Petrol	2,556	Hawker	417	Reed	1,080	Utd News	257
Br Telecm	1,683	Hillsdown	543	Reuters	1,399	Wellcome	947
Britoil	53	IMI	686	RMC Gp	219	Whitbrd	1,122
Bunzl	1,444	ICI	738	RTZ	1,399	Williams	1,064
Burmah	276	Inchcape	821	R-Royce	1,573	Wills Fab	614
Burton	177	Jaguar	1,104	Rothmn 'B'	3,273	Wimpey G	1,091
C&W	1,284	Lasmo	3,582	Rowntree	390	Woolworth	1,201
Cadbury	7,405	Ladbroke	458	Royal Bank	1,062	Equities page 25	

Luckwell has 3% stake in WPP

By Joe Joseph

Mr Michael Luckwell, who trumpeted the end of a two-year professional purdah imposed by Carlton Communications, his former employer, by buying a 5 per cent stake in TV-am, has emerged as the largest single shareholder in WPP, the advertising group led by Mr Martin Sorrell.

Mr Luckwell's holding of slightly more than 1 million shares, valued at close to £6 million, just tops that of Mr Sorrell, who owns 930,287 shares.

The purchase of the stake is expected to be followed by further investments in the media.

It came to light when the Independent Broadcasting Authority asked Mr Luckwell about his media interests before sanctioning his purchase of a stake in the breakfast television station.

Mr Luckwell yesterday confirmed he had bought a stake of about 3 per cent in WPP when the group's shares were suffering from the October stock market crash and the effects of digesting the acquisition of J Walter Thompson, but said he saw it as a passive investment.

He paid about £3 a share, almost half today's price of 572p.

"I am a tremendous fan of *Martin's*," said Mr Luckwell. "He is one of the three or four most talented financial entrepreneurs around.

"This is strictly a passive investment because it's not my area of speciality. I do not envisage having any management role. I can't see that my input would add anything.

"My plans are to get back into television and digital electronics."

News of the WPP purchase marks Mr Luckwell's second big move in the media since March, when he ended a two-year agreement not to compete with Carlton, where he was managing director.


Luckwell: passive investment

He left with £25 million from the sale of his stake in the television services company: £4.6 million of this went to pay for the 5 per cent TV-am stake he bought from Beaverbrook Investments after the IBA ordered the company, which was controlled by Saudi interests, to sell its 15 per cent stake in the television station.

Mr Luckwell is negotiating to buy the remaining 10 per cent stake held by Beaverbrook, although it is understood that the TV-am board is less than eager to have another large shareholder in the boardroom at a time when it is trying to put the troubled station back on the rails.

CBI gives skill warning

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A prospective fall of more than a quarter in the number of school-leavers was a time-bomb ticking away under the British economy that could not be defused, Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) has warned.

"It will have far reaching consequences for many markets and for all employers," he said.

"Too many organizations choose to tempt skilled workers from other companies, rather than invest in training their own staff."

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Allid Lyon (*420)	390	40	52	60	4	10	13
	420	17	32	42	14	20	28
	460	5	15	24	43	46	50
Boots (*806)	800	30	65	67	17	28	42
	850	8	32	45	52	57	67
	900	2	15	25	96	99	107
Brit Air (*148)	140	10	17	21	4	6	11
	160	2¼	9	12	16	20	22
	180	1	2	5½	36	36	40
Brit Cen (*280)	260	15	25	32	10	14	20
	280	5	14	22	25	28	32
	300	2	8	15	46	42	47
Brit Gas (*174)	170	8½	13	-	5	8	-
	180	4	8¾	12½	10¼	13¾	17
	200	⅛	3	5	29	30	31
BP (*287)	240	32	38	-	1⅞	5	-
	260	14½	27	28	5	11½	16
	280	5	11½	16	16	23	28
Bristol (*527)	480	70	77	-	3	6	-
	500	25	50	-	8	15	-
Cons Gold (*1055)	1000	95	130	150	22	47	70
	1050	60	-	-	44	-	-
	1100	35	75	105	75	100	115
Courtauld (*340)	300	47	58	-	4	8	-
	330	23	38	46	10	16	23
	360	9	25	33	29	33	40
Cons Union (*385)	360	3	13	22	52	55	60
	380	43	48	58	3	14	18
	400	20	33	40	13	22	28
C & W (*358)	300	65	72	80	1½	5	10
	330	37	45	55	5	13	18
	360	15	27	40	14	23	30
GEC (*145)	140	10	13	17	2¾	6	8
	160	2	5½	9	15	19	20
	180	1	2½	-	35	37	-
GKN (*310)	280	36	43	50	2	8	13
	300	20	29	39	7	15	19
	330	7	15	24	25	31	35
Grand Met (*509)	420	97	102	-	1	3	-
	460	60	68	80	3	8	11
	500	28	40	53	12	20	25
	550	6	17	28	42	47	50
ICI (*1025)	900	144	150	170	1½	9	14
	950	97	105	130	6	20	26
	1000	53	73	97	17	35	43
	1100	16	38	48	74	93	104
Jaguar (*257)	240	25	33	40	3½	9	15
	260	14	22	31	9	18	22
	280	5	13	21	22	29	35
Land Sec (*589)	500	97	110	115	-	1	5
	550	48	68	80	5	14	22
	600	13	33	50	23	30	43
M & S (*171)	160	15	20	26	2	4	7
	180	4	10	14	12	14	17
	200	1½	4	7	30	30	32
R-Royce (*123)	110	15	19	22	1½	3½	5
	120	7½	11½	14½	-	4	6½
	130	3	6½	10½	10½	12	14
STC (*271)	240	35	43	50	3	6	10
	260	19	28	37	7	12	16
	280	7	17	26	14	20	22
Sainsbury (*219)	200	24	28	32	2	4	6
	220	7	16	20	7	11	13
	240	2	7	11	22	22	25
	260	1	3	6	42	42	42
Shell (*1053)	1000	87	107	133	8	25	38
	1050	47	-	-	22	-	-
	1100	25	45	75	46	68	77
Storehse (*248)	240	17	25	33	8	15	18
	260	6½	17	23	23	28	33
	280	3½	10	17	40	43	48
Trafalgar (*313)	300	20	35	40	7	15	22
	330	6	18	23	23	30	37
	360	2	7	11	50	52	58
TSB (*106)	90	17	19	20	1	2¾	3½
	100	8	11	13	2¾	5	6
	110	2	5½	7	9	11	13
Ultramar (*283)	260	43	53	63	3	10	13
	280	27	40	50	9	18	23
	300	17	30	40	16	28	33
Woolworth (*294)	280	40	48	55	1	4	7
	280	27	33	42	3	9	15
	300	10	22	27	12	20	23

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad (*204)	160	44	50	55	1	2	4½
	180	24	35	40	1	6½	10
	200	7	20	27	3	14	17
Barclays (*408)	360	50	58	68	1	5	9
	395	15	30	39	2	18	25
	420	1	13	22	23	37	45
Beecham (*482)	420	44	50	58	½	8	15
	460	8	25	35	5	25	32
	500	1	11	18	40	51	55
	550	1	-	-	90	-	-
Boots (*226)	200	27	30	34	1	5	6
	220	7	16	23	1½	15	17
	240	1	6½	14	16	25	28
BTR (*268)	240	27	37	36	½	4½	7
	260	9	20	28	2	11	14
	280	1	10	16	16	23	25
Blue Circ (*419)	390	30	43	57	1	13	16
	420	5	24	36	7	22	27
	460	1	13	25	43	48	52
Dixons (*185)	160	27	31	36	1	5	7
	180	7	17	24	1½	10	14
	200	1	8	14	16	23	25

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Glaxo (*933)	850	85	117	130	1	13	27
	900	35	80	97	2	27	45
	950	4	53	68	22	50	68
	1000	1	32	48	70	82	97
Hanson (*136)	120	15½	19	21	½	2	3½
	130	5½	11½	14½	½	4	6½
	140	½	6	9½	5½	9	11½
	160	¼	2	3½	25	25½	25½
Hawker (*496)	480	38	58	70	1	9	15
	500	4	30	45	8	27	32
	550	1	13	23	57	62	60
Lonhro (*240)	200	35	38	45	½	2½	4
	220	17	25	32	1	7½	10
	240	3½	14	23	4½	15	17
	257	1	-	-	18	-	-
Midland (*424)	360	67	73	80	1	3	6
	390	37	45	55	1	10	15
	420	10	27	38	4	23	28
Sears (*118)	110	9	15	20	1	4	6
	120	1½	9	13	3	8½	10
	130	1	5½	9½	13	15	17
Tesco (*149)	140	10	17	21	2	6	9
	150	1	8	10	13	17	19
	180	1	3	4	33	34	35
Thorn EMI (*658)	500	158	165	-	1	3	-
	550	108	118	125	1	7	12
	600	56	68	80	1	15	22
THF (*242)	650	12	36	47	3	32	44
	220	23	30	36	1	4	6
	240	4	15	22	3	11	14
Unilever (*467)	260	1	6½	10	20	23	25
	420	50	65	73	1	6	10
	460	11	37	47	3	18	24
Wellcome (*544)	500	1	18	27	35	40	45
	480	87	103	115	1	9	14
	500	47	73	88	1	20	28
	550	6	45	60	12	40	46

Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*282)	265	22	33	-	6	11	-
	280	12	24	32	13	16	19
	300	5	14	22	25	26	28
Brit Aero (*395)	330	74	80	-	2	7	-
	360	45	55	67	5	15	22
	390	24	36	48	15	28	33
	420	11	23	33	32	41	48
BAT Ind (*436)	390	57	68	73	3	10	13
	420	27	43	52	10	20	27
	460	12	23	35	39	40	45
Brit Tele (*241)	500	4	11	-	65	70	-
	220	24	28	31	3	4½	10
	240	9	15	19	11	16	19
	260	3	5½	13	27	29	31
Cadbury (*410)	330	88	105	113	3	10	14
	360	65	83	93	9	19	23
	390	42	63	75	17	32	35
	420	27	45	58	32	45	48
Guinness (*331)	260	77	80	76	1	2	-
	280	57	60	76	2	5	7
	300	38	45	53	4	8	13
Ladbroke (*432)	330	14	27	33	10	15	23
	360	52	60	76	2½	10	12
	420	26	36	52	11	20	25
	460	8	20	31	30	36	42
LASMO (*446)	360	102	114	127	4	9	15
	380	72	92	110	9½	17	22
	420	51	70	91	28	32	40
	460	28	47	65	40	53	57
Pilkington (*210)	180	32	37	43	4	8	12
	200	16	23	28	10	15	22
	220	7	14	19	32	30	33
	240	4	6	-	36	42	-
Plessey (*155)	140	20	26	30	2½	6	9
	160	7	14	18	10	13	16
	180	2	7	11	27	26	28
P & O (*569)	500	100	105	117	4	8	15
	550	57	65	80	10	18	27
	600	23	40	52	27	42	46
Prudential (*162)	160	17	20	-	3	6	-
	180	8	14	18	6	10	13
	170	4½	9	-	12	16	-
Racal (*311)	300	24	38	46	13	19	23
	330	13	23	35	31	34	38
	360	6	14	25	53	55	59
RTZ (*424)	360	70	82	92	2½	6	10
	390	45	55	67	6	12	18
	420	25	33	48	16	28	33
	460	9	19	28	45	53	57
Vaal Reefs (*380)	80	12	15	19	2½	5	8
	90	5¼	9¼	14	510¼		13
	100	3	5¾	8	14	16	19
Tr 12% 1995 (*112)	108	4¹⁵/₃₂	6¹³/₃₂	-	3/32	3/4	-
	110	2⁹/₃₂	3²/₃₂	2⅝	⅞	1¹⁵/₃₂	1⅞
	112	1³/₃₂	1¹⁵/₃₂	1¹⁵/₃₂	1⅜	1¹⁵/₃₂	2⅝
	114	½	1³/₃₂	2¹⁵/₃₂	2¼	2¹⁵/₃₂	3⅜
	116	3/32	3/4	4³/₃₂	4¹⁵/₃₂	4⅞	5¼
	118	1/32	-	6¹/₃₂	-	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1834)

Series	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1650	186	192	198	205	1	4	10	14
1700	136	145	156	162	2	9	15	22
1750	87	100	117	123	5	16	28	34
1800	44	62	78	89	14	30	42	50
1850	15	35	50	60	40	53	65	72
1900	4	18	32	38	78	85	93	102
1950	1¼	6	16	25	125	127	132	135

June 13, 1988 Total: 25135 Calls 19358 Puts 6777 FT-SE Calls 697 Puts 755

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings June 13 — Last Dealings June 24 — Last Declaration September 15 — For Settlement September 26

Call options were taken out on: 13/6/88 Blenheim, Ragentcourt, Bristol Channel, London Securities, Courtaulds, Exploration Company of Louisiana, Kwik-Fit, Cons Gold, Tramwood, W Lawrance, Camford Engineering, Parkdale, Bryant Holdings. Put: Humberside Electronic.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

ASB Barnett	83
ASW	160
Acre Oil	221 –1
Anglesey Mines	280
Arthur Shaw	114
Barbican	1¾
Carbo	146
Conroy Pet	64
Dana Exploration	36
Domestic Gen	176
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	101
Everest Foods (165p)	180
Gandalf Tech	27⁹/₁₆
Guinnes Mahon	107
HPC Group	108
Herring Sun (150p)	152
Isopad Intl	121 –3
Morris Ashby (90p)	93 –2
Pennant	26 +½
Prowting L/A	175 –2
Recham Env (195p)	238 +2
Sanderson Elec	133
Scott Pickford	25½
Scot Ice Rink	95 +1
Southnews	180 +2
TGI (130p)	136
Thorntons (125p)	130
Wardell Rob	58 +5
Waterman Part (140p)	137
Young Gp (145p)	161
Cont Tech N/P	29
Ewart N/P	11
Grand Cent N/P	9
Kelt Energy N/P	54 –1
Kwik-Fit N/P	6 –1
Monarch Res N/P	56 –4
Telemetrix N/P	29
Westpac Bk N/P	86

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bk of Wales N/P	17
CLF Hldgs N/P	7½ +½

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	8.50%
Citibank NA	8.50%

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TOTAL COMPAGNIE FRANÇAISE DES PÉTROLES

PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 10th, 1988, has set the 1987 dividend at 20.00 F payable as from June 16th, 1988.

Residents of the United Kingdom will receive an amount of 25.50 F representing the dividend for the year 1987.

Payment of the above amount will be settled upon presentation of the coupon and completion of form RF 4 GB according to the terms of the double tax convention between France and Great Britain.

Residents may lodge this form with the bank acting as their authorised agent, either in France or in the United Kingdom, at any time up to December 31st of the second year following the collection date of the coupons. As a result of the French legislation on the "dematerialisation" of securities, payment of the coupons will be made through the Paris-located banks with whom the securities have been deposited.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Regalian	Property	
2	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Ads	
3	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	Electricals	
4	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
5	Capital Radio	Leisure	
6	Allied Text	Textiles	
7	Carlton Comm	Paper,Print,Ads	
8	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
9	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
10	Hardys & Hansons	Breweries	
11	Dubilier	Electricals	
12	Abbey	Building,Roads	
13	Ranger	Oils,Gas	
14	AB Elect	Electricals	
15	Rush & Tompkins	Property	
16	Caledonia	Shipping	
17	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
18	Chamberlin & Hill	Industrials A-D	
19	Brown & Tawse	Industrials A-D	
20	Dawson	Textiles	
21	Mitel	Electricals	
22	Dencora	Property	
23	Craygrove	Property	
24	Harrison Ind	Building,Roads	
25	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
26	Zetters Leis	Leisure	
27	Keep Trust	Industrials E-K	
28	Strong & Fisher	Shoes,Leather	
29	Lamont	Textiles	
30	Metal Closures	Industrials L-R	
31	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
32	Bryson	Oils,Gas	
33	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
34	Harris Queensway	Drapery,Stores	
35	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	Breweries	
36	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
37	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
38	Arncliffe	Building,Roads	
39	Amber Ind	Industrials A-D	
40	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
41	Barlow Rand	Industrials A-D	
42	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
43	SA Breweries	Breweries	
44	Scholes (GH)	Electricals	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 6. Dealings end June 17. §Contango day June 20. Settlement day June 27. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 24.).

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BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100¾	95⅝	Treas 9¾%	1988	100¾	.	9.48 9.383
102⅜	99⅝	Treas 11¾%	1989	101¼	.	11.2 8.532
102¼	96⅞	Treas 10⅜%	1989	101¼	● . .	10.3 8.668
102	100⅜	Exch 10%	1989	101¼	.	9.8 8.808
104¾	98⅜	Exch 10¾%	1989	102⅝	.	9.9 8.261
103⅝	99⅝	Exch 11%	1989	102⅝	.	10.7 8.799
97¾	95⅝	Treas 9%	1989-92	96⅝	.	5.16 7.471
101⅝	95⅝	Treas C 9¾%	1989	100⅝	.	9.4 8.610
97⅜	94⅜	Treas 9%	1989	97	.	3.0 8.232
102⅝	98⅜	Treas 8%	1990	100	● . .	. . .
107⅜	99⅛	Treas 13%	1990	106	● . .	12.2 8.894
104¾	97¼	Exch 11%	1990	103¾	.	10.6 8.904
107¼	99⅛	Exch 12½%	1990	105¾	.	11.8 8.951
92⅜	91⅛	Treas 9%	1990	93	⅜	3.22 8.961
96⅝	89¼	Treas 11¼% 1987-90		94⅝	● ⅜	8.8 8.651
103¼	97⅛	Treas 10%	1990	102	.	9.7 8.995
91⅛	88⅛	Exch 2¾%	1990	90¾	.	2.77 6.916
105⅛	97¼	Treas C 10%	1991	103⅝	● . .	9.69 8.525
107⅛	99¼	Treas 11¾%	1991	106	● . .	11.0 9.047
95¾	90¼	Fund 5¼%	1987-91	94	.	6.1 8.139
107¾	100⅜	Exch 11¾	1991	105¾	.	10.4 9.053
90⅜	87½	Treas 3%	1991	89⅝	⅛	3.3 7.179
99⅜	89¼	Treas 9%	1991	97¾	.	8.2 8.995
113⅜	109¾	Treas 12¾%	1992	111	.	11.4 9.116
104¾	96½	Treas 10%	1992	102¾	.	9.73 9.109
106¾	102⅛	Treas C 10½%	1992	104¼	.	10.0 9.166
96⅜	93¼	Treas 9%	1992	95⅝	⅛	8.3 7.243
98⅛	92⅜	Treas 8%	1992	96⅜	.	8.27 9.030
112⅜	103¾	Exch 12¼%	1992	110¾	.	11.1 9.239
117¼	107⅜	Exch 13½%	1992	114¾	.	11.7 9.248

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

105¾	98⅛	Treas 10%	1993	103⅝	.	9.6	9.175
115¾	108⅜	Treas 12¾%	1993	112¾	● . .	11.0	9.279
93	88⅜	Fund 8%	1993	91¼	.	6.5	9.004
121¾	114⅜	Treas 13¼%	1993	118⅝	.	11.6	9.316
97¼	96¼	Treas 8¾%	1994	96⅝	.	. .	. .
125¾	116¾	Treas 12¾%	1994	122⅜	.	11.8	9.321
116⅝	106	Exch 12¼%	1994	113¼	.	10.9	9.500
120¾	112⅜	Exch 13¼%	1994	117⅜	.	11.4	9.448
101¼	85¾	Treas 9%	1994	99¼	.	9.0	9.173
101⅛	85⅝	Treas 9%	1995	98⅝	.	8.9	9.096
114¾	105	Treas 12%	1995	112	.	10.7	9.498
82¾	79	Gas 3%	1990-95	79¾	.	3.71	6.503
106½	100⅜	Exch 10¼%	1995	104	.	9.8	9.439
120¾	113¾	Treas 12¾%	1996	117	.	10.8	9.469
120¾	113¾	Treas 12¾%	1996	117	.	11.3	9.836
101¼	93¼	Treas 9%	1992-96	98	.	9.10	9.213
133¾	124¾	Treas 15¼%	1996	130¾	.	11.6	9.824
125¾	115¾	Exch 13¼%	1996	121¾	.	11.0	9.535
86	83⅝	Astrpt 3%	1996	83¾	.	. .	. .
105¾	99	Conv 10%	1996	102¾	.	9.7	9.465
98½	95¾	Treas 8¾%	1997 C	96¾	.	. .	. .
124¾	117½	Treas 13¼%	1997	121¼	.	10.9	9.562
108⅜	97⅛	Exch 10¾%	1997	105¾	.	9.9	9.488
96¾	89¾	Treas 8¾%	1997	96¼	.	9.0	9.351
134¾	125¾	Exch 13%	1997	131⅝	.	11.3	9.736
101¾	95¼	Treas 9%	1997-00	98¼	.	9.16	9.277
103¾	97¼	Exch 9¾%	1998	100⅝	.	9.5	9.488
140¾	129¾	Treas 15¼%	1998	137¼	.	11.2	9.894
118¾	111¾	Exch 12%	1998	115¾	.	10.3	9.578
103¾	96¼	Treas 9¼%	1998	101¼	.	9.3	9.578
120¾	110¾	Exch 12¼%	1998	117¾	.	10.4	9.578
109¾	102⅛	Treas 10%	1998	106¾	.	9.6	9.482
107¼	100¾	Conv 10¾%	1998	105¾	.	9.7	9.486
96¾	90¾	Treas 9%	1998	94¾	.	9.3	9.277
126⅝	117	Treas 13%	2000	123¾	.	10.5	9.635
99¼	92¾	Conv 9%	2000	97¾	.	9.2	9.316
108¼	98	Treas 10%	2001	106¼	.	9.6	9.425
104¾	98	Conv 9¾%	2001	102¾	.	9.5	9.357
129¾	122¼	Treas 14%	1998-..	126¼	.	11.0	9.727
99¾	93¾	Exch 9¾	2002	97¾	.	9.2	9.296
107¾	100¾	Conv 10%	2002	104¾	.	9.5	9.380
118¾	111⅛	Treas 12%	1998-..	115¾	.	10.3	9.510
105¾	98⅜	Treas 9¾%	2002	102¾	.	9.4	9.374

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

108	100	Treas 10%	2003	105¾	.	9.4	9.309
131½	123¾	Treas 13¾%	2000	128¾	.	10.6	9.691
117¾	107¾	Treas 11¾%	2001	116¼	.	10.0	9.498
108½	100¾	Treas 10%	2004	107¾	.	9.3	9.299
58¼	54¼	Fund 3½%	1999	58¾	● . .	5.95	8.138
104¾	97	Conv 9¾%	2004	102	.	9.3	9.256
104¾	97¾	Conv 9½%	2005	102¾	.	9.3	9.246
113¾	103¾	Exch 10%	2005	110¾	.	9.4	9.241
128½	119¾	Treas 12¾%	2003	125	.	9.9	9.366
91¼	85	Treas 8%	2002	89⅝	.	8.9	9.150
106¾	98¾	Conv 9¼%	2006	104	.	9.3	9.380
119¾	111¾	Treas 11¼%	2003	116¾	.	9.9	9.690
96¾	89¾	Treas 8½%	2007	94¾	● . .	8.9	9.060
137	126¾	Treas 13¾%	2004	133¾	.	10.0	9.364
101½	94	Treas 9%	2008	99¾	.	9.0	9.026
99¼	93¼	Conv 8%	2009	96¾	● . .	8.3	9.064
101¼	93¾	Conv 9%	2011	99¾	● . .	9.0	9.037
98¾	92¾	Treas 9½%	2008-12	96¾	.	8.8	9.907
88¾	82¾	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	87¾	.	8.8	9.143
136½	121¾	Exch 12%	2013-17	128	.	9.3	9.373

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44¾	41⅜	Consols	43¾	.	9.0	—	
39¾	37	War Ln	3¾%	38	.	8.9	—
52¾	48¾	Conv	5¼%	51¾	.	6.7	—
39¾	36¾	Treas	3½%	39¾	.	9.1	—
29¾	28¼	Treas	2½%	27¾	● . .	8.9	—
28¾	25¾	Treas	2½%	27¾	.	8.93	—

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121½	117¾	Treas IL 2%	1990	121¾	.	2.31	0.760
103¾	98¾	Treas IL 2%	1992	102¾	⅛	2.7	2.121
136	127¾	Treas IL 2%	1996	134¾	⅛	3.19	2.084
114¼	108¾	Treas IL 2½%	2001	113¾	⅛	3.8	3.599
111¾	101½	Treas IL 2½%	2003	110¾	⅛	3.8	3.667
112¾	102½	Treas IL 2%	2006	112	● ⅛	3.9	3.741
105½	95¾	Treas IL 2½%	2009	104¾	⅛	3.8	3.756
109¾	98¾	Treas IL 2½%	2011	108¾	.	3.9	3.756
99¾	89¾	Treas IL 2½%	2013	98¾	.	3.8	3.746
100¾	89¾	Treas IL 2½%	2016	97¾	.	3.8	3.716
96¾	87¾	Treas IL 2½%	2020	95¾	.	3.7	3.660
80¼	73	Treas IL 2½%	2024	80	● . .	3.7	3.613

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chge	Price div p	Gross yld %	P/E

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

FOODS

FINANCE, LAND

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

E-K

L-R

S-Z

MINING

INSURANCE

LEISURE

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

SHIPPING

TOBACCOS

OVERSEAS TRADERS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHOES, LEATHER

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	112.3	120.4e	+0.4	8.31
Hi Inc Equity	119.1	126.7	+0.1	4.70
Worldwide Ed	183.2	196.5e	-1.4	4.93
American Gth	146.8	156.9	-0.2	1.30
Asian Pacific	67.3	71.9	-0.4	3.15
Assets & Earns	137.8	148.3e	+0.3	1.88
Capital Res	76.1	78.4	+0.1	4.78
Comm Energy	99.1	105.9	-1.1	1.99
Euro Capital	70.3	74.7	-0.4	1.89
General	165.9	173.3	-1.5	2.55
Japan	96.6	103.5	-0.2	..
UK Gth Inc	128.2	136.3	+0.6	2.18
Do Acc	188.4	200.4	+0.9	1.47
US Emerg Co	43.2	45.9	..	0.00
Income Gth	253.6	269.7e	-1.6	3.07
Master Acc	72.8	77.5e	-0.2	3.33
American Inc	42.5	45.3	..	6.06
Ethical Tst	42.0	44.5e	-0.7	2.78

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20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6901

UK Growth	31.4	33.4	..	3.14
N Amer Inc	24.3	25.9	+0.1	4.81
World Gth	39.8	42.3e	+0.1	1.13
Extra Inc	38.2	40.6e	..	4.84
Formedly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	39.1	41.7	-0.1	2.21
Amer Extra Inc	34.8	37.0e	-0.2	6.15
Australian	29.1	24.6	-0.1	1.40
Euro Tst	42.5	45.0	-0.3	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.6	25.2e	..	9.48
Global Income	39.0	39.5	..	5.29
Hi Income	54.0	57.5e	+0.3	6.21
Income Growth	65.6	70.9	+0.5	4.21
International	82.9	88.2	-0.1	0.88
Japan Gen	166.3	176.9	-2.1	0.01
Special Sits	64.1	68.2	+0.3	1.29
Formerly Atlantic UT Managers				
Japan Far East	66.7	73.0	..	1.43
International	68.7	73.0	+0.2	2.06
Do Acc	69.8	95.4	+0.3	2.06
Hi Income	55.8	59.3	-0.1	5.65
Fund Invest	96.9	103.0	+0.5	2.48
Do Acc	146.8	156.0	+0.6	2.46
UK Growth	21.5	22.8	..	4.33
N American	40.5	43.0	..	1.44
Swiss Balncd	39.7	41.1	-0.5	3.04

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401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6464

Euro Gth Acc	104.1	111.6	-0.8	1.08
Exempt	365.7	417.1e	+0.1	0.00
Far Eastern	215.5	231.4	+0.4	0.00
Fin & Prop	91.5	98.3	+0.1	2.71
Hi Yield	74.6	79.8	-0.1	6.73
Income & Gth	303.7	321.7e	-0.1	4.44
Int Earnings	178.7	190.4	-1.2	2.98
Int Gth Inc	87.6	93.3	..	0.00
Japan Gth Acc	157.8	168.6e	-0.4	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	169.2	117.5	-0.4	2.71
Preference Inc	131.7	139.5e	..	8.72
Smlr Co Gth Inc	53.2	100.8	-0.2	4.21
Smlr Co Gth	281.4	298.1	-0.4	1.61
Spec Sits Inc	134.0	142.0e	-0.4	1.46
UK Growth	377.0	399.4e	-0.4	3.27

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. Tel: 0793 28321 dealing:0793 613666

High Income	297.4	315.2	-0.4	4.70
Equity Inc	176.4	187.0	-0.3	4.18
High Yield	134.2	142.2e	-0.1	5.65
Balanced	413.9	438.7e	..	3.36
Amer Inc	27.4	29.2	+0.1	4.14
World Ass Val	26.5	28.2	+0.1	1.08
Japan	142.6	151.9	-0.2	0.00
Spec of Amer	180.5	192.7e	+0.4	0.88
Asset Value	319.0	338.1e	+0.5	3.95
O'seas Earn	304.5	216.9e	+0.5	3.03
Recovery	97.4	103.2	-0.1	2.54
UK Spec Sits	256.5	271.9	-0.7	2.54
Smlr Co	167.4	177.4	+0.3	2.07
Capital	250.3	265.5	+0.2	2.99
Amer Spec Sit	94.7	100.4	-0.2	0.00
International	92.9	98.5	+0.2	1.62
Growth & Inc	152.0	161.1	+0.2	3.49
Euro Gth	17.6	18.7	..	1.34
Pacific	222.5	227.4e	+0.3	0.24
2nd Smlr Co	189.1	200.4	..	1.84

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5644

Capital	79.4	84.7	-0.1	3.24
Euro Gth Inc	61.5	65.6	-0.5	1.14
Extra Income	94.6	101.0	+0.1	9.33
General	167.3	177.5	-0.1	3.53
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.1	55.9e	+0.1	9.59
Income Tst	404.8	431.8	..	4.00
Income Inc	49.2	52.5e	+0.1	4.13
Smlr Co Inc	38.6	41.2	+0.1	1.28

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. Tel: 01-658 6002

American EVS	53.7	58.9	+0.3	0.90
Australia	64.1	70.1	+0.1	0.00
Eastern	71.9	78.6	+0.1	0.10
Equity Inc	68.2	72.6	..	4.20
Europe	118.6	125.8e	-0.7	0.00
Exempt Tst	57.6	61.1	..	3.40
Growth & Inc	76.0	80.6	+0.1	2.30
High Dist Fd	118.2	125.4	+0.1	6.37
Global Gth	69.4	84.0	-0.1	0.00
Japan Spec	144.4	154.0	-0.4	0.00
Japan Sm	154.8	165.1	+0.4	0.00
First Europe	102.3	109.1	-0.7	0.00
First Japan	106.6	113.7	+0.6	0.50
First N Amer	41.8	44.3	+0.2	1.10
First Smlr Co	91.5	97.6	..	1.40
N Amer Spec	39.4	42.0	..	0.00
UK Growth	58.63	62.38	+0.03	5.24

BROWN SHIPLEY
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Financial	156.4	167.9	+0.7	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	189.6	209.9	+0.1	0.83
Do Inc	180.3	195.8	+0.2	0.82
High Income	81.0	85.9	+0.1	5.20
Income	98.5	105.5	+0.7	5.18
Man Portfl Inc	98.5	97.1	+0.5	2.23
Do Acc	147.4	156.3	+0.8	2.23
Nth American	44.5	47.4	+0.1	0.21
Overn	102.4	108.6e	-0.5	0.10
Exempt	268.1	283.9e	..	2.30
Recovery	29.1	30.9	+0.1	2.65
German	22.1	23.5e	+0.2	1.50
Int Recov	24.1	25.5e	..	1.00
Europe	16.2	17.3	..	3.91
Conv General	25.5	27.0e	+0.1	7.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT. Tel: 01-588 2868 01 822 2348

Emerg Inc	58.6	63.3	+0.2	2.00
Fellowship Inc	62.7	66.5	..	2.00
General Inc 4	254.5	270.0e	+0.3	3.00
Do Acc	420.3	445.9e	+0.3	3.00
Recovery Fd 3	136.6	144.9	+0.7	2.50
Do Acc 3	257.0	273.0	+0.5	5.57
Int Income 2	104.8	110.8	+0.1	2.00
Do Acc 2	141.8	150.0	+0.1	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	92.3	97.8	+0.2	1.85
Do Acc	100.0	105.8	+0.4	1.85

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CANNON FUND MANAGERS
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Growth	34.3	36.5e	..	2.79
Income	44.0	46.8e	..	4.44
Far East	29.6	31.5e	-0.2	0.20
Nth American	27.1	28.8e	+0.1	0.71
Global	44.4	47.2	-0.3	0.73
European	39.3	41.8	-0.5	1.28
Japan	89.7	95.4	-0.9	0.01
Strategic Opp	80.8	84.0	+0.3	1.39
Do Acc	88.1	91.2	+0.3	0.54
Int Currency	44.3	47.1	-0.2	5.90

CAPEL (AMNER) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: 01-588 6998

Capital	397.0	423.7	-0.4	2.17
European S S	49.9	53.2	+0.1	3.68
Far East S S	51.3	54.7	+0.2	0.64
Gold Gen S S	54.6	58.2	+0.2	0.67
Income	348.0	371.4	+0.1	5.07
Int Sp Sits	48.7	51.9	+0.1	1.96
Nth Amer	226.3	241.5	+1.2	1.95

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

Investment	440.05	..	..	4.93
Fixed Int	146.15	..	..	9.78
Deposit	100.0	..	..	8.25

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

Income	414.9	..	..	5.18
Acc	£13.0396	..	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	7.50

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND BROKERS
Woodside House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-588 6822

Man Reforms	22.2	23.5	..	..
SC Special Sits	62.1	65.7p	..	0.41

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

Amer Gth	19.0	20.2	..	0.94
Atlas Gth	22.3	23.7	..	0.77
Dragon Gth	23.6	25.0e	-0.1	1.64
Equity Hi Inc	58.1	61.5e	+0.2	4.74
Do Acc	58.9	62.4	+0.2	4.74
European Gth	23.1	24.5	-0.2	0.77
Gt Equity	48.3	51.2	..	2.95
Gt/Fr Inst Gth	33.4	35.2	+0.1	7.25
Gth & Fixed Inc	23.2	24.6	..	4.28
Int Recovery Tst	22.9	24.3	-0.1	0.58
Japan Gth	47.9	50.7p	-0.2	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.0	30.7p	..	2.26
Special Sits	38.1	39.3	..	1.89

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St. Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 5918

UK & Gen Inc	52.7	54.1p	-0.1	2.78
Do Acc	54.7	56.1p	-0.1	2.78
Income Inc	54.0	55.4p	-0.1	3.75
Do Acc	57.3	61.0p	-0.1	3.75
Worldwide Inc	43.5	46.5	-0.1	0.74
Do Acc	43.9	47.0	..	0.74
Gearing Inc	32.2	37.4	+0.1	1.12
Do Acc	35.4	37.6	+0.2	1.12
Amer Gth	51.1	54.4	+0.5	0.94
Euro Gth	52.2	55.6	+0.2	0.84
Far East	28.6	30.1	-0.1	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.8	51.8	+0.2	9.13
World Bond	47.7	50.5	-0.3	5.72
Private Inv Pl	48.1	51.2	-0.3	5.72
Property Inv Pl	93.0	98.9	..	1.32
Progres Inv Pl	90.0	93.2	..	1.32

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

Amer Tst	102.4	109.2	+0.1	0.92
Canadian Gth	20.7	21.4	..	..
European Tst	90.0	95.9e	-0.5	..
Growth Tst	94.5	99.7	+0.2	3.03
High Income	105.8	112.6	+0.3	5.19
Int Tech Tst	103.5	110.3e	+0.2	..
Investment	28.3	28.0	+0.1	..
Japanese Tst	241.1	257.1	+1.8	..
Man Int	25.8	28.5	+0.1	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Bolgate, Barney Rnd Sth. Tel: 0732-248424

Capital Gth	51.6	55.0e	-0.5	0.00
Euro Spec Sits	38.4	41.3e	-0.5	1.30
International	47.5	50.9e	-0.1	0.50
N Amer Gth	42.6	45.9e	-0.1	1.00
Pacific Gth	37.1	39.4e	+0.1	0.50
UK Gth Acc	70.4	75.2	..	0.50
Do Dist	68.0	72.2	..	0.50
UK Income	58.3	63.6	-0.1	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst: 0345 080520

American Fd	57.1	60.7	+0.1	1.65
Capital Fd	128.9	134.9e	+0.5	1.48
Convertible	24.9	26.4e	..	7.48
Eurofund	23.1	24.5	-0.1	1.22
Growth & Inc	178.2	189.8	-0.8	3.95
High Dist Fd	145.5	157.9e	..	7.15
International	201.1	216.8	-1.5	1.04
Pacific Fd	23.7	25.2	-0.1	0.00
Recovery Fd	22.9	24.3	..	0.00
Smlr Cap Co	45.4	48.3	..	..
Tokyo Fd	197.5	210.3	-0.1	0.00
Eq Amer 2	114.9	118.1	..	1.99
Eq Japan 3	118.5	121.9e	..	0.18
Ex Fd Inc 4	104.6	107.4	..	6.25
Ex Smlr Jap 4	256.0	275.4	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LN. Tel: 0242 221311

UK Balan Inc	84.5	89.7e	-0.2	2.71
Do Acc	89.2	94.6e	-0.2	2.57
UK Gth Acc	127.0	134.7e	-0.3	2.04
UK High Inc	42.7	45.3e	-0.1	4.29
N Amer Acc	62.1	65.2	+0.3	1.66
Far East Acc	120.0	128.0	-0.2	0.80
European Acc	68.4	73.0	-0.3	1.42
UK Gt/Fi Inc	58.5	62.0	-0.1	6.55
Do Acc	68.2	72.3	-0.2	7.45
Intl Spec Sits	38.5	41.1	-0.1	1.64

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66666

Endurance	117.5	125.1	..	1.52

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 434480

Equit Pelican	92.9	98.9	..	3.24
High Income	97.0	103.2e	..	4.95
Gt/Fxd Intrst	93.1	98.5	..	7.01
Tst Of Inv Tsts	84.6	90.0	..	2.11
Spec Sits Tst	100.3	106.8	..	2.39
Nth Amer Tst	54.4	57.9	..	1.34
Far East Tst	117.2	125.4	..	0.55
Intl Gth	53.0	56.4	..	1.60
European Tst	40.0	42.6e	..	1.76

EQUITY & LAW
St. Quentin Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1RD Tel: 0203 859201

UK Gth Acc	177.7	188.4	+0.1	3.25
Do Inc	147.1	156.4	..	3.25
Higher Inc Acc	339.4	360.4	+0.2	4.38
Do Inc	244.1	259.0	+0.2	4.38
Gilts & Fxd Acc	113.5	119.7	..	8.41
Do Inc	85.2	89.8	..	8.41
N Amer Acc	116.7	123.5	+0.3	0.14
Far East Acc	210.0	223.4	-0.1	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	129.9	137.1	-0.4	0.90
Gen Tst	258.0	274.4	-0.4	3.58
Int Exempt	38.6	42.1e	..	3.05
Br Fdnds Inc	50.0	53.1	..	5.86
Do Acc	50.0	53.1	..	5.86

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

US Smlr Co	57.1	60.8	+0.2	0.76
UK Inc Fd	94.2	100.3	+0.4	4.26
Far East Fd	51.9	57.8	-0.3	0.00
Overseas Inc	57.3	61.0e	..	4.74
Fxd Interest	54.4	57.9e	-0.2	9.76
Natural Res Fd	61.5	65.5e	-0.6	1.88
European Inc	65.2	69.4	-0.4	2.59
Int Income Fd	65.0	67.9	..	6.98
Intl Tech Fd	104.1	110.8	-0.3	0.00
US Gth	70.4	74.9	+0.2	2.17
US Major	45.0	47.9	-0.6	0.76

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

Balan Gth Acc	66.5	70.8	+0.1	..
Do Inc	64.1	68.2	..	1.20
Hi Yld Acc	29.4	31.3	-0.1	..
Do Inc	27.8	29.6	..	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	67.8	61.5	..	..
Do Inc	50.1	53.3e	..	5.50
Smlr Co Acc	66.4	70.6e	-0.1	..
Do Inc	58.3	62.0e	-0.1	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	33.3	35.8	+0.5	..
Do Inc	29.2	29.8	+0.1	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	15.9	17.0	-0.1	2.80
Do Inc	15.8	16.9	-0.1	2.80

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

American	98.7	103.5	+0.6	0.88
Amer Enqy Inc	25.7	27.8	+0.4	0.00
Amer Spec Sit	49.2	51.7	+0.4	0.00
Australian	25.3	27.0	..	2.05
European	56.7	59.6	+0.1	..
European Inc	23.8	25.0	..	4.29
Global Conv	93.2	94.76	..	5.33
Far East Inc	38.5	41.0e	..	0.46
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.7	30.0e	..	9.92
Growth & Inc	112.0	117.4e	+0.4	4.46
Japan Spec Sit	75.9	81.2	-0.1	..
Japan	168.8	177.2	-1.1	..
Managed Inc	120.4	129.4	..	0.01
Pac Basin Inc	106.6	112.7e	+0.5	0.42
Pension Fund	40.9	43.9	+0.2	2.42
SE Asia	37.9	40.6	..	0.68
Spec Sit	264.9	275.5	+1.2	0.64
Smlr Co Opps	91.3	96.0	..	0.00
Intl Bond	94.1	95.7	..	5.74
Recovery	29.1	31.3	+0.2	2.28
Moneyspinner	25.5	27.3	+0.2	5.14

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
2, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NG Tel: 01-638 5181

Amer Gth Acc	174.7	187.5	..	..
Do Inc	158.1	169.4	+0.4	..
Amer Turn Inc	192.0	202.6e	-0.1	..
Do Acc	192.0	210.2e	-0.1	..
Capital Inc	257.3	275.1	-0.1	2.29
Do Acc	331.4	349.7	+0.8	2.29
Conv/Gth Inc	165.6	117.6e	-0.1	5.43
Do Acc	149.0	157.2e	-0.1	5.43
European Inc	127.0	135.2e	-0.1	1.32
Do Acc	165.6	58.6e	-0.2	1.32
Extra Inc Inc	241.3	254.6	+0.3	4.82
Do Acc	271.5	286.6	+0.4	4.82
Financial	62.7	65.9	..	1.02
Do Acc	42.3	44.6e	..	1.02
Income Tst	163.2	172.2e	..	4.11
Do Acc	182.5	192.6e	..	4.11
Inc Gth Inc	182.5	192.6	+0.2	..
Do Acc	190.0	199.8	+0.3	..
Japan/Gen Inc	120.9	127.5	..	..
Do Acc	122.1	128.8	..	..
Managed Inc Fd	125.8	132.7e	+0.1	4.06
PEP 87	62.6	..	..	2.51
PEP 88	54.3	57.3	+0.1	2.20
Recovery	178.2	188.0	-0.1	1.57
Smlr Co	190.6	207.4	..	1.67
Spec Inc	54.7	57.7	..	2.56
Do Acc	55.0	58.0	+1.3	2.56

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 412022

Equity Dist	253.5	247.4e	-0.2	2.74
Do Acc	406.1	430.4e	-0.4	2.74
Exempt Dist	64.2	68.0	-0.3	0.84
Do Acc	66.2	69.6	-0.3	0.84
Fixed Interest Di	116.0	122.9e	-0.1	9.12
Int Gth Dist	152.1	161.2e	-0.2	1.31
Do Acc	53.8	57.0e	-0.2	1.31
Do Acc	54.1	57.4e	-0.1	1.31
Nth Amer Dist	110.9	118.7	-0.4	2.21
Do Acc	111.9	118.7	-0.4	2.21
Pac Basin Dist	182.2	193.9	-0.1	0.15
Do Acc	183.0	194.1	..	0.15
Steward Dist	236.5	251.0e	+0.1	0.76
Do Acc	248.5	264.4e	+0.1	0.76
Stewardship Di	58.3	61.5e	+0.2	3.25
Resources Fd	22.9	24.3	..	0.00
Smlr Cap Co	45.4	48.3	..	..
Tokyo Fd	197.5	210.3	-0.1	0.00
Eq Amer 2	114.9	118.1	..	1.99
Eq Japan 3	118.5	121.9e	..	0.18
Ex Fd Inc 4	104.6	107.4	..	6.25
Ex Smlr Jap 4	256.0	275.4	..	0.10

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Sp Sits	57.2	61.1	+0.5	0.60
UK Cap Inc	127.7	136.3	-0.4	2.50
Do Acc	128.7	137.3	-0.4	2.50
Do Spec Sits	52.8	56.3	-0.3	1.00
Income Fd	97.7	104.3	-0.1	6.10
International	153.4	163.7	-0.2	0.50
US Gth Fund	99.6	106.3	..	0.00
Japan & Gen	312.5	331.3	+1.9	0.10
Far East Gen	126.5	135.0	+0.3	0.30
European Fd	222.3	237.2	-0.6	0.10
Eastern Fd	51.8	55.2	-0.5	1.70
Ind Inc Tst	52.3	55.8	-0.2	7.45
Wld Spec Sit	60.4	64.5	+0.3	2.80
Global Pnt Inc	47.4	50.5	..	2.50
Do Acc	47.4	50.5	..	2.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3863 Services: 0800 289336

UK Gth Tsts				
British Acc	72.3	77.1	-0.4	2.17
Do Dist	61.3	65.5	-0.3	2.17
Cheft UK Gth	24.3	25.6	+0.1	2.65
Man Expt	269.7	287.0	+0.3	2.56
Pract Inv Inc	64.5	68.2	..	2.39
Do Acc	121.5	128.7	..	2.39
Spec Sits	101.9	108.4	+1.0	0.00
UK Sel Opps	60.0	64.0p	+0.1	1.09
UK Smlr Cos	107.0	114.8	..	1.00

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	61.0	65.5e	+0.1	6.07
Fxd Interest	30.7	33.0	..	7.21
High Income	31.7	34.1s	..	4.98
Income	101.7	109.1	-0.1	3.98
Int Fxd Int	24.0	25.5c	..	7.69
International Tsts				
Commod Shre	58.1	63.4p	..	1.35
Frontier Mkts	24.8	26.4	..	0.75
Global	157.9	167.9	-0.1	1.22
Do Dist	149.1	158.1	-0.1	1.22
Glob Incr/Gth	67.5	72.0	-0.1	5.81
Gold Shares	16.2	17.1	-0.1	1.68
Intl Sel Opps	109.9	117.3	-0.3	1.02
Oil & Energy	44.9	47.9	-0.5	2.12
Wrldwide Recov	84.9	90.6p	+0.4	1.04
Overseas Tsts				
American	66.9	70.5e	-0.8	1.27
Amer Sel Opp	27.5	29.5	-0.2	0.39
Australian	17.9	19.2p	..	0.62
European	44.9	48.0	+0.3	0.97
Euro Sel Opp	51.4	57.9	-0.5	0.59
Far East	131.8	140.9	+0.3	0.14
Hedged Amer	31.7	34.0	..	0.60
Hong Kong	31.9	34.3	..	1.74
Japan	192.5	141.1	+0.3	0.08
Japan S/Opp	71.5	76.3e	-0.9	0.00
Pacific Gth	49.2	51.4p	+0.1	0.97

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shelbourne Hse, 24, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HP Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0626

Intl Gth	90.9	97.7	+0.2	1.08
American Gth	57.7	61.7	+0.1	0.91
American Inc	58.9	63.2	+0.1	0.91
European Gth	68.5	72.8e	-0.2	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	48.4	52.8	-0.3	0.66
Japan Gth	67.4	72.0e	+0.4	..
Pacific Inc	67.3	72.0	+0.5	0.10
Physical Sec	84.7	87.6	+0.5	0.00
UK Prog Inc	69.6	74.4p	-0.1	4.53
UK Spec Opps	143.2	153.1	+0.7	1.40
Gt British	36.6	39.1e	-0.1	3.31
UK Smlr Co	37.0	39.3p	+0.2	0.92

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-626 9563

Gt/Fxd Interest	120.2	124.9	..	8.93
Gth Equity	243.8	258.0e	+0.3	1.56
Guardfd	320.6	332.3	+0.3	3.00
Income Tst	97.1	103.2	-0.1	4.29
Intl Tst	114.7	121.4	-0.5	0.37
N American	123.7	131.0	..	1.10
Pacific	274.4	290.4	-0.8	0.00
Prop Shares	122.0	129.1	+2.4	1.70
Smaller Co	285.4	302.1	..	1.72
European Tst	244.9	259.9e	-0.7	1.19

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32, St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ Tel: 01-623 9333

Global Gth	40.0	42.5e	+0.15	0.80
High Income	92.7	98.6	+0.26	5.21
N Amer Tst	94.8	100.9	-0.06	0.70

IBM gets royalties on personal clones

IBM is in the throes of radical reorganization and Matthew May looks at the one area where it still tries to call the tune



John Akers, chairman of the world's largest computer company, IBM, made an unusual public appearance last week in London, where he spoke of the continuing shake up within his company, designed to restore flagging profits and growth rates.

Further decentralization and the movement of thousands of employees out of administration jobs and into what Mr Akers described as "developing, manufacturing, selling and supporting the product" are expected.

More than 20,000 of IBM's staff throughout the world have been moved into such areas over the past two years while early retirement and other moves have reduced the total number of employees by 16,000.

Analysts have pointed to this and a number of other moves by IBM – that resulted in a small growth in profits last year – as examples of how IBM has been forced to behave like any other computer company: no longer being able to rely on its huge size and marketing muscle to protect it from competitors.

Last week IBM sold its eduational and testing and services unit, Science Research Associates, for £80 million to the Maxwell Communication Corporation.

IBM's reasoning is that the move will allow it to focus more on the core business of computers and communications and follows the sale of other non-essential businesses such as most of its copier business.

But in the field of personal computers IBM is still managing to behave in a totally unique fashion.

Its current plan is to try to get backdated royalties from manufacturers of the highly-successful clones of IBM's original personal computers on the assumption that many of them infringed IBM patents. It is a view that, not suprisingly, most clone producers violently disagree with.

But instead of resorting to the courts, IBM is making these retrospective royalties – estimated at about 1 per cent of sales values – a condition for granting companies licences to the technology involved in IBM's latest PS/2 range of computers.

Unlike the original PC range, IBM has gone to great lengths to try to ensure that patents will protect its new range from unlicensed copying.

Manufacturers are wary of producing PS/2 clones if they might end up facing IBM in a protracted court battle and are either studiously ignoring PS/2 at least in public, claiming the new PC standard is not wanted by customers, or have entered into negotiations with IBM for licences. Some are trying to hedge their bets and are doing both.

The largest PC manufacturers have so far held out against IBM's demands, though at the beginning of this month the US Dell Computer Corporation announced it had made a deal with IBM to licence Micro Channel Architecture – the crucial part of the PS/2 technology – that includes an agreement to pay backdated royalties.

The Dutch personal computer firm, Tulip, has also said it is close to securing a licensing deal with IBM that will include similar royalty payments.

With PC clones now estimated to have about three quarters of the world market for IBM-compatible PCs, the world's largest computer company could get royalties of up to £250 million if other firms also end up reluctantly joining the bandwagon.

In the same week as the agreement with Dell, IBM announced price cuts and new models for the PS/2 range – an indication, argued competitors, that all was not going well with the new range, given that it was announced little more than a year ago and has actually been on sale for even less.

But IBM's actions do make PS/2 far more competitive and – along with the demand for back-dated royalties – make it clear that it does not intend to be caught out again by those wishing to copy it's products.

Manufacturers wary of IBM court battle

Pleas to outwit hacking

By Robert Matthews

Tough new legislation to outlaw computer hackers, enthusiasts who break into computer systems, was demanded last week by the British Computer Society.

The BCS has called on the Home Office and the Department of Trade and Industry to draw up the legislation, which would make even the unauthorised use of passwords a criminal offence.

The call follows the quashing in April of the conviction of two hackers who broke into British Telecom's Prestel system, enabling them to read messages left for the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Law Lords decided that hacking for amusement is currently beyond the powers of the court to control.

"Though the hackers won their appeal, the computer access was unauthorised and shows the need for new legislation," said Dr Frank Taylor, chairman of the BCS security committee which was involved in the prosecution case.

"Anyone intending to, or succeeding in breaking into computerized systems needs to know he or she faces the full rigours of the law.

"The Government must find a way of changing the present legal situation very quickly, perhaps even through the Criminal Justice Bill now before Parliament" he said.

Last month, Detective Inspector John Austen of New Scotland Yard's company fraud squad, and police representative on the BCS council, warned that legislation needed to be brought in before the activities of hackers led to a major disaster with substantial loss of life.

The Home Office is awaiting the recommendations of the Law Commission, expected by the end of the year, before making a decision on the need for anti-hacking laws.

The Scottish Law Commission has already drawn up a draft of legislation, and the BCS have used this as the basis for its proposals.

Under these, it would become an offence for anyone, without authorisation "to obtain access to a program or data stored in a computer in order to inspect such data or program, or add to, alter or corrupt any such data or program.

"It should also be a further offence for a person without such authorisation to obtain access to a program or data and to damage another person's interest by recklessly altering, corrupting, erasing or adding to such a program or data.

"Further, the inspection of the program or data should not be restriced to inspection by visual means".

The legal situation must alter swiftly



How it's done: Dr Blake, left, and Professor Westbury with an applicator used at the Royal Marsden to treat cervical cancer

Cancer machine for London

By Brian Collett

Britain's leading cancer hospital has acquired the world's most sophisticated equipment for radiation treatment, a machine that concentrates a heavy dose with minute precision.

The Royal Marsden Hospital is already using the unit, known as a high dose rate micro-selectron, at its site in Chelsea, west London, and will eventually install it in a custom-built theatre in a huge new wing, for which it is running a £5 million appeal.

Radiation treatment, or radiotherapy, has been used as a cancer remedy for about 60 years. It is effective because of the nature of the genetic material DNA in cancer cells.

The DNA pattern is identical in every healthy cell of an individual. It is the factor that determines a person's individuality. However, the DNA pattern of cancer cells is slightly different from that of the victim's healthy cells and a rogue component in it causes uncontrolled growth. The result is a cancer tumour.

Radiation causes damage to the cancer cells' DNA, from which they do not easily recover because of their instability, so the haywire reproduction of cells is stunted. Only smaller tumours can be treated successfully in this way – hence the need for early diagnosis.

Until now radiotherapy has consisted of aiming a radioactive beam at a cancer tumour, which destroys both healthy and diseased tissues, or implanting a low-dose radioactive isotope for as long as a week.

The Royal Marsden's latest method uses highly radioactive cylinders of the scarce, corrosion-resistant metal iridium. The cylinders measure 2½ mm by 1 mm and are implanted for only a few minutes. An applicator is placed on or in the tumour to be treated, and the patient remains alone in an insulated room.

When not in use, the irridium cylinders are stored inside a tungsten shield in the micro-selectron.

The treatment can be used for cancers of the mouth, tongue, aesophagus, rectum, anus, cervix, uterus, breast and lung. For every part of the anatomy there is a specially shaped applicator to make the implanting easier.

"The great advantage is accuracy. You can give a high dose where you want it," said Professor Charlie Westbury, dean of the Institute of Cancer Research and the senior surgeon at the Royal Marsden. "It is rather like loading a gun and taking perfect aim before you fire."

Another advantage cited is that because the implant is kept in the body for so short a time, the cancer sufferer can be treated as an out-patient.

The treatment is also being offered at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, the Christie Hospital, Manchester and the Cookridge Hospital, Leeds.

"The micro-selectron looks like a Dalek," says Dr Peter Blake, the radiotherapist who gives the treatment and is also attached to the institute. At present it is on loan to the Royal Marsden from the manufacturer, the Dutch company Nucletron, for nine months. It costs £195,000, but an anonymous benefactor has given the hospital £102,000 towards the purchase.

Construction of the new wing in which the treatment will be given begins in October. The hospital's building appeal is now halfway towards its £5 million target. Another £5 million to complete the cost of the work will be paid by the National Health Service.

Invention gives twist to a silent service

By Nick Nuttall

A remarkable new stealth weapon that could improve battlefield efficiency and protect soldiers from inadvertently revealing their positions, has been developed by scientists who are claiming to have solved the technical problems which make the clothing material Velcro noisy.

Codenamed Silent Velcro, the breakthrough is expected to transform uniforms and Colonel Mike Watson, of the British Army's Stores and Clothing Research Establishment in Colchester, could not be more delighted.

"We use Velcro a lot in the British Army but we have to avoid its use where opening up, say, an ammunition pouch is going to make an unfortunate noise," he explained.

"But if someone has produced silent Velcro, which is not too expensive, we are obviously interested. Then we would have more applications for army wear," he enthused, adding that the Army used the material not just for uniforms but in foul weather garments, anti-germ warfare suits and in a variety of equipment.

The new material has been created by researchers at Velcro New Hampshire headquarters, acting on a request from the American Army for something a bit quieter.

William Kennedy, vice-president of technology, confirmed they had identified the source of the nylon material's noise and had informed US Army commanders.

Although exact details of the Silent Velcro are being kept secret pending the issue of filed patents, it is understood that the main noise comes from the hooks which engage with a complementary loop.

"We have reduced noise levels by 95 per cent. I can't really say much more; however it seems 60 per cent of the noise is the hook's fault and 40 per cent the loop's," said Mr Kennedy.

Invented in 1948 by the Swiss engineer, George de Mestral, who, under a microscope observed how plant burrs attached to anything slightly adhesive such as woollen socks or sweaters, the material is even being considered as an alternative to the 14,000 titanium rivets used to hold metal wing fairings to an aircraft fuselage.

The Velcro technologists are also working with General Motors and have tested the famous hook and loop as a back-up support structure for car bumpers.

Unlike a screw, a hook and loop's strength increases under vibration, explained a Velcro engineer.

The list of where Velcro is playing an important component role is surprising – keeping together the pumping chambers of artificial hearts, holding together the thermal insulation blanket between Concorde's outer and inner fuselage and in astronauts' helmets, so noses can be scratched.

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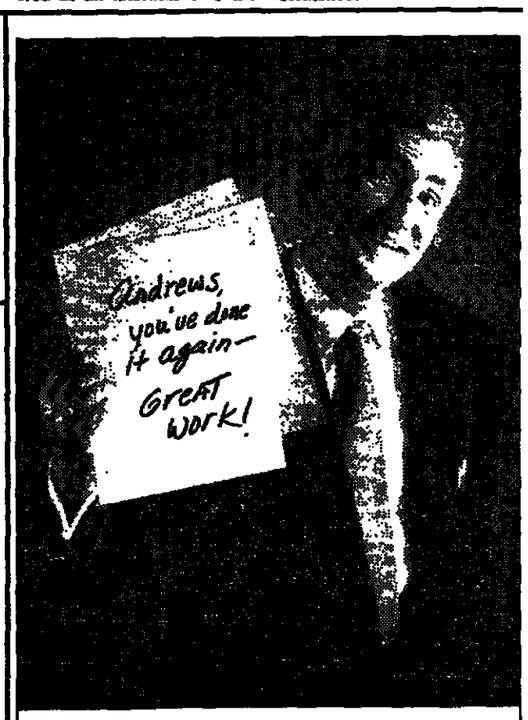
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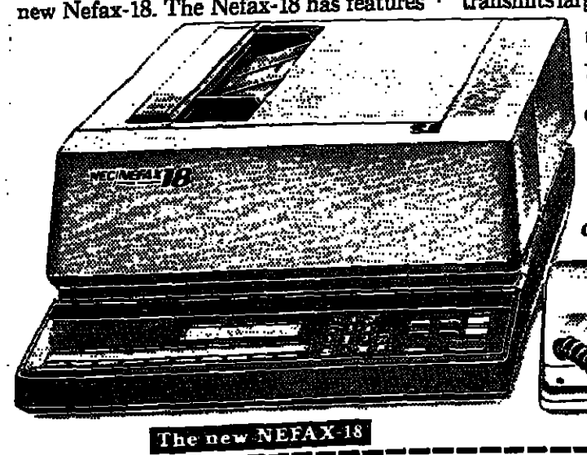
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TECHNOLOGY

The long, hard struggle of going it alone

JOBSCENE
By Caroline Berman

Management buy-outs have often proved to be beneficial not only for the managers who buy the companies but also for the investors who put money into the buy-outs.

There has been a particular trend for computing services divisions in a company to be sold off, or bought by the management. These may have originally been developed as a service part of the parent group, but they may start to take contracts with others, and become a cuckoo in the nest.

Management buy-outs lead to a significant increase in performance because of a freedom of action that was not there before. The parent company may not have understood the computer market and may have interfered and made it difficult for the management.

"Or", said Mike Wright, director of the Management Buy-out Research Centre at Nottingham University, "it may have been geographically distant from the parent, and the decision process may have been slow. In the computing industry there is a need to respond quickly. This freedom can be important."

City funds specifically for management buy-outs have recently attracted huge amounts of money – Charterhouse has a £100 million fund and Nightingale has £157 million – and the fund managers are after all the management buy-out opportunities they can get their hands on.

Stephen Clarke, director of Charterhouse Development Capital, says: "We find management buy-outs very attractive. It's the enterprise culture. People prefer a stake in their company. They are better motivated. This increases profit and cash and is thus good for both management and investors."

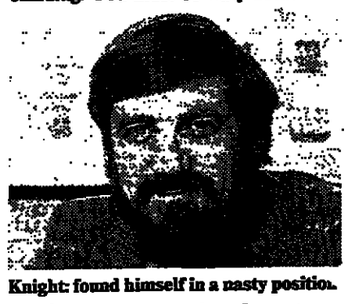
Mr Clarke explained that management has to put its own money in – it has to make a financial commitment so that if it loses, it is actually hurt.

The amount varies according to the circumstances – if the members of the buy-out team have three or four children, school fees and a big mortgage, they may not have much to spare. But they get a better deal than the institutions. If a company floats or sells, the rate of return is higher for the managers than for the institution that backed it.

Mr Clarke said: "Our attitude is that if the management has a proven track record, we are likely to back them." Charterhouse has £60 million of the £100 million fund left.

"We want to spend it as soon as possible on highly-profitable ventures", Mr Clarke said. "We take up all major buy up propositions. There's competition among financiers for the good ones. However, smaller companies have greater fall out rates and we may or may not want to invest."

Negotiating a management buy-out can be a subtle business. Trevor Clarke, managing director of PCL Computer Services, which had been part of the P&O Group until January 1986, said: "You don't nail your colours to the wall. You work towards a common understanding. You must be wary because as negotiations get to a point of no return, there have to be tough negotiations with the boss. Instead of being part of the company, it is now you versus the company.


Knight: found himself in a nasty position.

"At a certain point you realize there is no turning back. There's not exactly a nasty atmosphere but there is a change in perception. If negotiations aren't concluded successfully, you would be in a very nasty position."

That is exactly where Ken Knight, now general manager of Langton Electronic Publishing, found himself when he tried to negotiate a management buy-out of the videotex division of Langtons from the parent company, AGB. He was sacked after his bid failed.

AGB originally bought Langtons in 1980, but after five years decided to sell it off in three parts: consultancy, electronic publishing and videotex.

The first two were sold to the managers involved but the videotex company was more difficult to sell because on paper it had a huge book value – millions of pounds had been spent on software development, but it was making a loss.

While some of the managers of the videotex company tried to take it over, others, including Ken Knight, mounted their own bid. "It was like buying a house, when the wife suddenly bids against the husband for it," said Mr Knight. Eventually AGB turned to the manager who had bought the electronic publishing division, and who had formed a package involving nine people, including Mr Knight.

Each was to put in a few thousand pounds – totalling £100,000 of their own money – but AGB would also be offered income for several years and preference shares, which over five years could be worth more than £1 million. This deal was accepted and Mr Knight, having the previous year been sacked from the company, was now general manager of it.

Though there are venture-capital companies with coffers overflowing with cash for management buy-outs, it can still be difficult for software companies to get financial backing. Their main assets are the staff – the programmers – and if they leave, the company is in trouble. It costs a lot to develop the product and the company may be relying on bank loans.

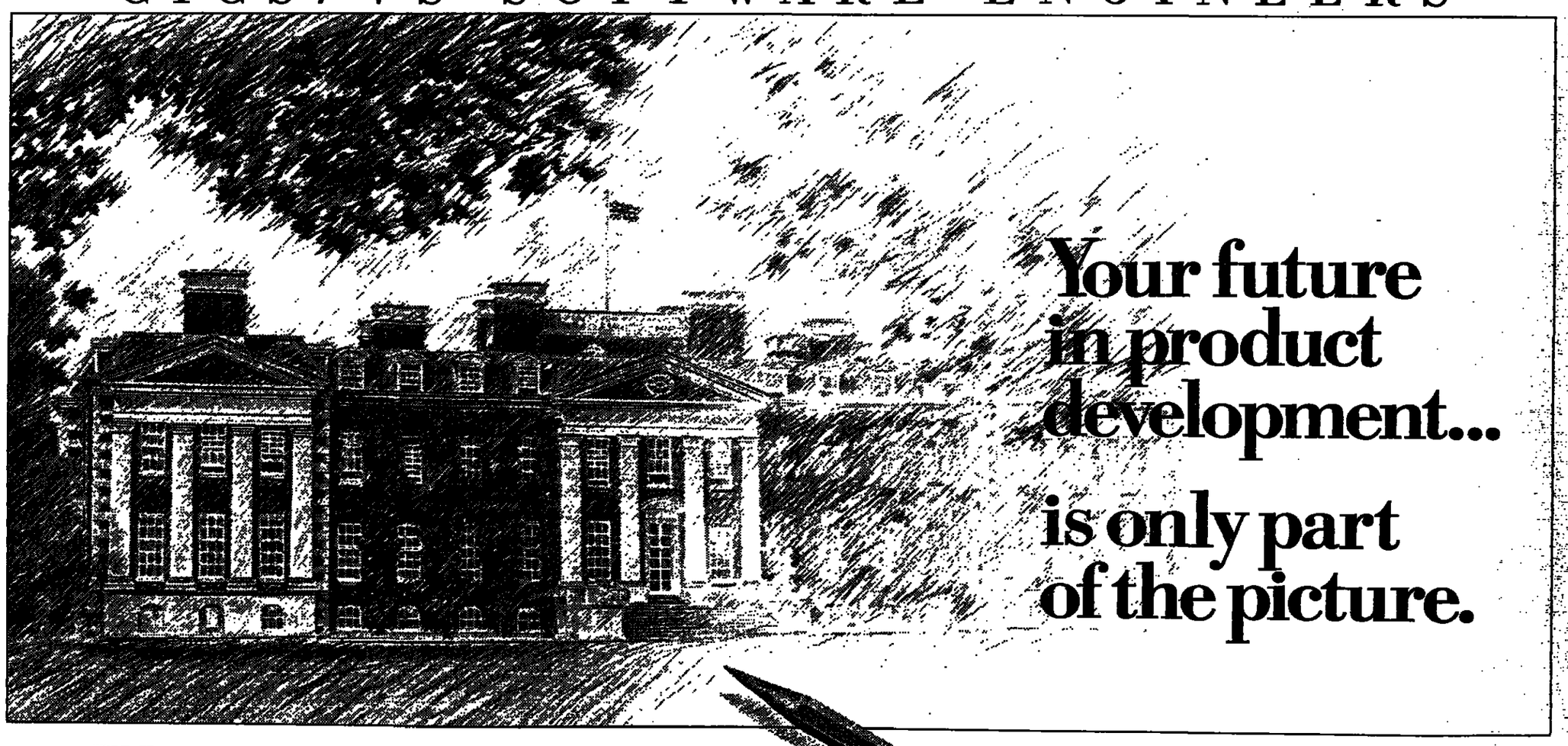
When Mr Knight originally approached city financiers over his first bid for Langtons, he was advised that he would not be able to raise money for the loss-making company. But Mr Clarke said he had no problem getting financial backing for his buy-out, and raised £430,000 through a clearing bank, with the 14-top management shareholders keeping 100 per cent of the equity.

"Raising the money and shaping the deal were easy. The difficult bit was pinning down the legal contract," he said.

Though the shape of the deal had been agreed, the lawyers took another nine months before the company could be transferred. There were leases on equipment, transfer of software licences, staff contracts, pension schemes, the lease on the building and endless minutiae to sort out. "It takes up much more management time than expected. I left the rest of the team to run the company and just worried on the buy out. Luckily we had a big management team, but one wonders how one or two man bands survive the exercise."


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HORIZONS

The master of all trades

A legal executive can be called on to assist a solicitor in a variety of roles or supervise a legal department, says Joan Llewelyn Owens

"Hectic!" said Joyce Arram when I asked her what the life of a legal executive was like. We had started the interview about an hour and a half late as she had to draft a particularly complicated power of attorney to be signed by a client before he went abroad that afternoon.

Legal executives, whose institute celebrates its silver jubilee this year, work mainly in solicitors' offices and legal departments of large organizations, including government, local government, commerce and industry.

The Institute of Legal Executives, constituted from the former Solicitors' Managing Clerks' Association, now has a membership of more than 16,000, and a well recognized examination system.

Members of the institute usually specialize in one or more aspects of a solicitor's work, though in a small office they may deal with a variety of matters.

Conveyancing involves the legal transfer of property, either by sale or by lease. In matrimonial and family work, legal staff often deal with their clients' personal crises. Although most divorce is contested, there may be arguments about finance or the custody of the children.

'I make sure to choose the right barrister for a client'

Probate and succession include the preparation of wills, arranging probate when the testator dies, and then seeing that his wishes are carried out.

In civil litigation, both in the county court and in the High Court, legal executives take statements from witnesses and may brief barristers. Legal executives who have completed the course in criminal law may be employed in preparing a client's defence for the magistrates' or the crown court. They have limited rights of audience before county court judges, registrars and High Court Masters, and at tribunals.

There are also opportunities for them to specialize in financial matters or in the affairs of companies and business partnerships.

Miss Arram, a legal executive and licensed conveyancer with Walters, a solicitors' practice in Lincoln's Inn Fields, has worked her way up from office junior to fellow of the institute and serves on the institute's council, its governing body. She gained her fellowship in conveyancing, probate and contract, but also took papers in tort and criminal law, and matrimonial practice.

Early in her career she was an outdoor clerk, going to the county court or the High Court, issuing writs and summonses, obtaining appointments for hearings and stamping documents at the Inland Revenue.

Today about 70 per cent of her work is in conveyancing, the remainder being a mixed bag of matrimonial cases, immigration and employment law. "When I have to instruct barristers I make sure they are compatible to my clients' needs. I believe in using horses for courses," she says.

Matrimonial cases can cause much distress, and Miss Arram keeps a box of paper handkerchiefs for clients. In one case both husband and wife had signed a consent application, agreeing on matters of access and maintenance for their children. Then the husband changed his mind, tore the paper up and threw it out of the window. When the wife rescued it, it had been half eaten by a snail.

As a result, Miss Arram had to draft an affidavit to this effect, exhibiting the half-eaten application. She got her order.

As I had realized from the start, in any solicitor's office crises occur that make a nonsense of timetables, and the work cannot be neatly contained within office hours. Miss Arram tends to draft documents in the evening or at home, when the telephone is silent, and will put herself out for clients who find it difficult to call in. She will visit the bed-ridden, or attend a meeting of a residents' association, and has been known to retrace a client's steps to see if he could get from A to B in a given time, to prove evidence for a case.

Like Miss Arram, Paul Raven-Hill, another Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives, is also on its council and has qualified as a licensed conveyancer.

But he has not remained with a firm of solicitors. Instead he has established his own practice in Twickenham, Middlesex.

Having qualified in land law and conveyancing practice, he had exemption from the conveyancing paper set by the Council for Licensed Conveyancers, but was required to pass the paper on accounts before obtaining his conveyancing licence.

He worked for solicitors until last year, specializing in conveyancing, but also did some probate and succession. Such work, he told me, could be long-term. In the case of a handicapped child, both he and his father are trustees, with a duty to do their best to increase her income. Now, as a licensed conveyancer, he is not permitted to take on this type of work, but carries on in a personal capacity as one of the trustees.

The main trouble with conveyancing, he explains, is the chain between purchasers. It comes to an end only when the seller for some reason has no need to buy another property and a buyer has nothing to sell. The aim of the conveyancer is to exchange contracts and to complete the sale or purchase on the given day so that everyone can move house without trouble.

Searches have to be made at the Land Registry and with local councils, some of which — though not in his area — can take up to 20 weeks to reply.

One can start to train as a legal executive on leaving school. Students of the Institute of Legal Executives must have passed at least four approved subjects in GCE or GCSE (English being compulsory), though students over the age of 25 may be exempt from these requirements.

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Four specialist papers in the final examination

To achieve full qualification and fellowship of the institute, candidates must have had at least five years' experience in a solicitor's office, including at least two after all the examinations are passed. Once legal executives have five years' experience as fellows, firms of solicitors may empower them to sign cheques on the client's account or to manage a branch office.

Mr Raven-Hill's father, Lucien Raven-Hill, also a fellow of the institute, managed such a branch office for 40 years. He was the institute's representative on the Lord Chancellor's Conveyancing Committee, which recommended the establishment of the new profession of licensed conveyancer.

Mr Raven-Hill senior has also been appointed to the Law Commission's Conveyancing Standing Committee, which reviews conveyancing practice and proposes reforms of conveyancing procedures.

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Personnel Office, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, where applications (8 copies), giving the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged on or before 12th July, 1988.

In reply please quote Ref. No. 6226E

IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER

An Assistant Planning Officer is required for the Planning and Management Information Unit of Imperial College. He or she will be responsible for the collection, analysis and reporting of various statistical measures covering the students, staff, finance and other aspects of the College; for developing a plan for the efficient use of accommodation, and for assisting in the preparation of grant and other proposals.

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Further details available from the Planning Unit, Sherfield Building, Imperial College, London SW7 2AZ.

Phone 589-3111 Ext. 3023.

Closing date 8th July 1988

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General Secretary,
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Tyler's Way,
Watford by-pass,
Watford,
Herts WD2 8HQ.

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The job offers a wide range of contacts and experience, across all functions and levels within the Authority, with all other NHS Authorities and many other organisations. You should be a graduate or possess an equivalent qualification and relevant experience. You should also have good analytical skills, the facility to communicate clearly and concisely and the ability to work as a member of a team.

For a job description and application form, which should be returned by 1st July 1988, please contact: Personnel Department, Health Education Authority, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH. Tel: 01-631 0930 Ext. 2154.

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HEALTH EDUCATION AUTHORITY

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Application forms available from the Town Clerk, City Chambers, Room 57, Glasgow G2 1DU (tel: 041-227 4167) to be completed and returned by Thursday, 30th June, 1988 quoting reference MLB.

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You should be a graduate or possess equivalent qualification, preferably with experience of NHS planning. You should also have demonstrated management skills including a good analytical ability, the facility to communicate clearly and concisely and to work as a member of a team.

Your salary within the above range will depend on your experience; however, the Authority would also consider candidates already at or above this level who could take the position on secondment for perhaps two years.

For a job description and application form, which should be returned by 1st July 1988, please contact: Personnel Department, Health Education Authority, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH. Tel: 01-631 0930 Ext. 2154.

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Candidates must be able to demonstrate proven organisational leadership, strong management ability and a high level of business and political awareness. They must be able to command the respect of academics, businessmen and public officials.

The Council is at present based in Central London but will move to Swindon, Wiltshire later this year. The Chairman will be expected to make the Council's Swindon Headquarters his or her principal place of work.

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE UP TO £5000 MAY BE AVAILABLE.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 8 July 1988) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours), or telex 859399 CSCOMM G.

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Previous applicants need not re-apply; their applications will remain under consideration.

Application forms and job details from the County Personnel Officer, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND.

Telephone Oxford (0865) 815465.

Closing date: 4th July 1988.

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ACCOUNTANT c £13,500

An experienced and versatile accountant is required to run our small accounts and membership department. Responsibilities will cover maintenance of records, budgets, management and annual accounts, the development of computer systems, and financial advice to all branches.

For more details and an application form please ring the Hon. Personnel

NCT

The National Childbirth Trust
9 Queensborough Terrace
London W2 3TB.
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Further details and application forms for both posts from the Personnel Department, Health Education Authority, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH. Tel: 01-631 0930.
Closing date: 23rd June 1988.
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HEALTH EDUCATION AUTHORITY

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

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A brochure and further information is available from Teresa Edwards, The Alexander Maxwell Law Scholarship Trust, Sweet & Maxwell, International Thomson Organisation, The Quadrangle, 180 Wardour Street, London W1A 4YG.

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UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

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Comprehensive CVs, stating present salary, should be sent to Personnel Department, **Confederation of British Industry**, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU.

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

WEST SUSSEX MAGISTRATES' COURTS COMMITTEE

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CITB CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD

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Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H OPF, UK, or from the Appointments Unit, Registry, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Closes 1 August 1988.

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When reasons in custody cases should be given

W v W

Before Lord Justice Purchas and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment June 10]

Where a judge in contested custody proceedings made an order in respect of a young child that differed from recommendations made by a welfare officer then he should give his reasosn for so doing.

Moreover, if the welfare officer was present at the hearing then the judge should allow him to be called as a witness so as to be available for questioning by the parties.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing a mother's appeal and ordering a new trial to be held as a result of an order by Mr Recorder Irwin, QC, made on April 19, 1988 in Hertford County Court that gave the custody of her young son to the father.

Mr Kenneth Cameron for the mother; Mr Mark Piercy for the father.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the order the mother appealed against gave the custody of J, who was aged 4½, to his father, the mother to have reasonable access. The recorder had heard evidence from the parties and had had before him the report of two welfare officers who had been concerned with the family.

It was an excellent report: it reviewed with skill and clarity the background to the case. It indicated that the mother was an estimable mother and capable of providing a satisfactory and well disciplined enviroment in which J could be brought up.

The father had been carefully assessed as capable of providing a good home for the child. Both parents had a good relationship with J and the report contained no criticisms of substance of either of them.

The welfare officers' conclusion was, however, that the mother probably had a greater understanding of J's future needs and recommended that she should be given custody of him. Both welfare officers had attended the hearing before the Recorder.

Mr Cameron's main complaints were that in deciding the issue the recorder had differed from the welfare officers' recommendation and had not given any reasons for so doing.

Relying on the Court of Appeal's decisions in *Stephenson v Stephenson* ([1985] FLR 1140, 1145) and in *Cadman v Cadman* ((1982) 3 FLR 275, 277), he argued that although it was within the recorder's discretion whether or not to accept a welfare officer's recommendation, if he decided against doing so then it was highly desirable that he should indicate his reasons — which could take a number of different forms — and that had not here been done.

Mr Cameron also complained that the welfare officers, who had been in court and had as a result of his pressure been called into the witness box, had been told by the recorder that he would only be interested in their evidence if they had changed their minds since preparing their report.

He had not permitted counsel for either party to put any questions to those officers, thus Mr Cameron said, that as a result he had not been able to ask questions of the officers so as to provide support for their opinions.

A further complaint raised by Mr Cameron, and one which had considerable force to it, was that the recorder during the hearing had been concentrating on the current day-to-day care of the child and he had commented on the lack of information that he had had from the mother regarding the proposed arrangements that she had made for him while she was out at work.

But when asked to grant an adjournement for the mother to make available her child minder, the recorder had refused to do so. Mr Cameron's submission was that in any event it was wrong for a judge in such a case to wish to assess a child minder because a responsible mother would not employ an unsatisfactory person to care for her child.

Although the recorder had commented favourably on the father as witness, his judgment did not deal with the recommendation made in the report.

It was doubtful whether a judge, however experienced, would be able to overrule careful assessments by welfare officers of the parties merely by observing them during the course of the hearing.

Of course the assessment of a witness was a matter for the judge, but where he had wholly failed to give a balanced view of his appraoch to the welfare officers' report, then the matter was different.

Moreover, the recorder's decision, albeit one of discretion, not to permit the parties to put questions to the welfare officers so as to elucidate other points was a regrettable feature of the case. He had prevented the parties from exercising an important right in an adversarial process.

The position of welfare officers as officers of the court had been described in the *Stephenson* case. But where a judge was minded to depart from their recommendation he ought to avail himself of all the assistance available from those attending at the hearing.

Further, in carrying out the balancing exercise required in the case, the recorder had failed to consider sufficiently J's long term future — a matter that had been dealt with in the officers' report.

In the circumstances it was regrettably the case that it was not safe to allow the order made by the recorder to stand. He had failed properly to investigate all the relevant circumstances and that threw grave doubt on his decision.

The court would not accede to the mother's request to substitute a reverse order: that was an impossible course to take. But the recorder's order would be set aside and a re-trial of the case by a judge — not by a recorder — ordered.

Sir Denys Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: Shepherd Harris & Co, Enfield; Vanderpump & Sykes, Enfield.

Trustee is not taxable on foreign income

Dawson v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment May 25]

A trustee of a discretionary settlement administered abroad who was the only one of three trustees resident in the United Kingdom was not liable to UK income tax on the trust income so far as it was derived from sources outside the UK and was not remitted here.

The Court of Appeal so held *in reserved judgments dismissing* the Crown's appeal from the decision of Mr Justice Vinelott (*The Times* March 11, 1987; [1987] 1 WLR 716) that had allowed an appeal by the trustee, Mr Oliver Nainby Dawson, from a determination of a special commissioner that had decided the issue against him. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

The trustee, a UK resident, was one of three trustees of discretionary settlements administered abroad. He appealed against assessments to income tax made on him for 1975-76 in his capacity as a trustee on the basis that the unremitted trust income arose or accrued to him within the meaning of the charge to Schedule D tax as set out in paragraph 1(a)(i) of section 108 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 read in conjunction with section 114(1) of the Act.

Section 114(1) provides that "income tax under Schedule D shall be charged on and paid by the persons receiving or entitled to the income in respect of which the tax is directed by the Income Tax Acts to be charged".

Mr John Mummery for the Crown; Mr Stephen Oliver, QC and Mr J. R. Kessler for the trustee.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the difficulty arose because the legislation made no express provision for income accruing to persons as trustees. That was in marked contrast to the position regarding some other taxes such as capital gains tax.

On their face the statutory provisions raised the question of whether the income was income that accrued to the trustee and which he received or was entitled to under section 114. But the income was trust income and the entitlement of trustees to trust property was joint: it was not joint and several. Thus the income accrued not to the trustee alone but to him jointly with his co-trustees.

Joint entitlement gave rise to no difficulties where all those entitled were resident in the United Kingdom: it was common ground that in those circumstances section 108 imposed a charge.

How was paragraph 1(a)(i) of section 108 to be interpreted where income accrued to persons jointly, one, or more, of whom resided abroad and the other, or others, resided here?

The Crown contended that the provision was satisfied if any of the persons resided in the UK. The trustee contended that in such cases paragraph 1(a)(i) was not satisfied unless all resided here.

Neither contention produced a wholly satisfactory result. But the trustee's case was to be preferred.

On a natural reading of paragraph 1(a)(i) the necessary qualification "residing in the United Kingdom" was a qualification which, when the income accrued to one person applied to that person and, when the income accrued to persons jointly, applied to all those persons. They must all possess the attribute of "residing in the United Kingdom".

There was no justification for reading the provision as satisfied where the income accrued *to more than one person jointly*, if any one of them possessed the necessary attribute of residing in the UK even though the other or others did not.

Three footnotes were appended to that conclusion.

First, the facts were that no beneficiary had an absolute vested interest in the income in question. Had there been such a beneficiary nice questions might have arisen on whether, indeed, there was any income "accruing" to the trustees as distinct from, or in addition to the beneficiary and on whether the trustees, as distinct from, or in addition to the beneficiary, received or were entitled to income within section 114(1).

Second, it was to be noted that the trustees themselves had no beneficial interest in the trust funds. No view would be expressed on whether the position would be different in such an instance.

Third, lest it be thought that the conclusion left the door wide open for wholesale tax avoidance, sections 45 and 46 of the Finance Act 1981 contained provisions for imposing liability in respect of assets transferred abroad. To what extent those provisions would avail the Crown where a non-resident trustee was appointed to act with trustees resident in the UK had not been explored and no view was expressed on the matter.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON, concurring, said that because of the very limited nature of the interest of one only of several trustees in the trust investments and in the income of such investments and because also of the general principle of the territorial basis of tax legislation, it could not be held that the trust income from foreign investments had arisen or accrued *to the trustee so as to* render that income chargeable to tax under section 1081(a)(i) of the 1970 Act.

The income arose or accrued to all the trustees jointly but they were not all persons residing in the United Kingdom.

Lord Justice Kerr agreed.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Duty of solicitors to bring their clients' cases on quickly

The Flower Bowl (a firm) v Hodges Menswear Ltd

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment June 13]

Solicitors acting on behalf of plaintiffs were under a duty to bring their cases on as quickly as reasonably possible, without necessarily waiting for certificates of readiness to be filed by other parties. However, they were not to bring cases on before the defendant could reasonably be ready using all possible diligence.

The Court of Appeal so stated entertaining an appeal on costs only brought by The Flower Bowl and varying the order for costs on an indemnity basis made at an interlocutory hearing of an action brought by The Flower Bowl against Hodges Menswear Ltd and Stanswell (Builders) Ltd by Judge Michael Evans, QC, sitting at Haverfordwest County Court.

Mr Hugo Page for the Flower Bowl; Mr Andrew Green for Hodges Menswear; Mr William Cronin for Stanswell.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that The Flower Bowl began proceedings against Hodges Menswear in the county court for damages for damage caused to property they occupied. The claim was denied and a third-party notice was served by Hodges Menwear on Stanswell.

Subsequently the Flower Bowl filed a certificate of readiness to proceed and later obtained from the county court registrar a date for the hearing although the other parties had not filed their certificates.

When the matter came before the judge The Flower Bowl sought to join the third party as second defendants. The judge acceded to their application but granting an adjournment to the second defendants, ordered The Flower Bowl to pay the costs on an indemnity basis.

In seeking to appeal against that costs order Mr Page had said that the judge had considered that the order be made could be reviewed by him at the trial. His Lordship said that such an approach was wrong and brought the case within the *Scherer* principle (*Scherer v Counting Instruments Ltd (Note)* ([1986] 1 WLR 615) whereby the Court of Appeal could review the exercise of his discretion. The costs order made in an interlocutory matter was not reviewable later by the judge.

It further appeared that the judge had also made the indemnity order because he considered The Flower Bowl had wrongly pressed ahead with the hearing before the other parties had filed their certificates of readiness.

That too was a wrong approach. It was very important to get on quickly with bringing matters to trial and if parties did drag their feet it was right for the court to override that and give a date for hearing.

Clearly, The Flower Bowl should have joined the third party before it did and then there would have been no need for the adjournment. An order against them was therefore proper but not on an indemnity basis.

His Lordship would allow the appeal to the extent of varying the order to costs to be paid by them on the standard basis.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, said that it was the duty of solicitors acting for plaintiffs to bring actions on as quickly as was reasonably possible and that they had no obligation to hold their hand purely with regard to the interests of those advising the defendants.

Clearly they must not do so before the defendant using all due diligence could himself be ready as that would be unfair and in any event a waste of time since the court would necessarily have to adjourn. But it was their obligation to act as speedily as possible.

Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Price & Kelway, Milford Haven; Phillips & Buck, Cardiff; Gee & Edwards, Swansea.

Judge's power to exclude jury

Regina v Hendry

Whether of not a submission during a trial was to be made in the absence of the jury was, in the end, for the judge to decide nowadays, whatever might have been the position in 1930.

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when, sitting in the Court of Appeal, with Mr Justice Roch and Mr Justice Henry on June 13, giving judgment dismissing an appeal by Wayne Russell Hendry, aged 17, *from conviction at Leeds Crown* Court (Judge Hurwitz and jury) of indecent assault and assault occasioning actual bodily harm to a girl aged eight.

He was put on probation for two years and ordered to pay £75 towards prosecution costs.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that a point was made in the notice of appeal that the judge was wrong in saying as he did that the decision was his whether the jury should remain in court while a submission was being made.

It was said that it was for the defence to say whether or not the jury should remain. That was based on a passage in *Archbold Criminal Pleading Evidence & Practice* (45th edition (1985) p399 paragraph 4-303) that the jury whould not be asked to leave the court except at the request or with the consent of the defence.

The authority for that statement was *R v Anderson* ((1930) 21 Cr App R 178).

It might be that in the *particular circumstances of* that case the observations of Lord Hewart, Lord Chief Justice, were correct and no doubt they were correct.

However, so far as the present day was concerned, whatever might have been the position in 1930, it was for the judge to have the final word whether the jury should remain in court. No doubt the judge would listen to the views of the defence.

If that was a departure from *Anderson* then it was a departure necessary in the circumstances of the present day.

Justices as shoppers

Dixons Ltd v Barnett

Justices were entitled to put themselves in the position of the ordinary High Street shopper and decide whether a description on saleable goods was misleading or not.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Hutchison) so held on June 10 when dismissing the appeal of Dixons Ltd against their conviction by Stafford Justices on September 28, 1987 for supplying goods, namely an Astrad 500 telescope, to a purchaser under a false trade description, contrary to section 1(1)(b) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968.

No power to prevent advertisement

In re Manlon Trading Ltd

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment May 10]

The court had no jurisdiction to make an order to restrain advertisement of a winding-up petition where there was no question of an abuse of process and there was neither actually presented nor an undertaking to present a proper petition for an *administration order before the* court.

The court had jurisdiction to order that where an administration order was dismissed with costs that they should be paid by the persons who caused the company to present the petition.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing a petition for an administration order which was presented under section 9 of the Insolvency Act 1986 by Basil Lockyer-Nibbs and Martin John Wilbraham, directors of Manlon Trading Ltd, the company subject to the petition.

On March 30, 1988 a creditor, Minories Finance Ltd (formerly Johnson Matthey Bankers Ltd) had presented a petition to wind up the company and on April 11 Mr Justice Latey on the company's application had made an order restraining advertisement of the winding-up petition until after April 25.

Mr John Lindsay, QC and Mr Clive Jones for the directors; Mr Michael Crystal, QC and Mr Richard Adkins for the creditor.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that the debt upon which the winding-up petition was based amounted *to some £4.25* million including interest and was in no way disputed and the petition was not an abuse of process.

With all respect to Mr Justice Latey, who was naturally wholly unfamiliar with the Chancery jurisdiction and who had made the order at ten past four in the afternoon under pressure in the vacation, it was doubtful if there was any jurisdiction at all to make that order since the winding-up petition was properly presented, was not challenged and there was no countervailing administration petition pending at that time, nor was there any undertaking that one would be presented but merely contemplation it would be presented.

In the future no judge ought to restrain advertisement of a winding-up petition in such circumstances. An order should never have been made, however it had been made and thereafter a report was prepared and a petition for an administration order was presented on April 26.

In those circumstances when the matter came before his Lordship about 10 days previously upon motion for renewal of Mr Justice Latey's order there was then pending the petition for an administrative *order for hearing on May 9* and it was right to restrain advertisement over the hearing of the administration petition which could then be properly effective.

His Lordship had continued the order without considering or making any observation upon the original and he regarded it as *having been founded in jurisdic*tion on the fact that there was then pending in the court a petition for an administration order which then did give jurisdiction to restrain further proceedings in a further winding-up petition since the Insolvency Act 1986 provided that no further steps could be permitted once there was a petition for an administration order pending.

The petition for an administration order was based upon the report by Mr Roger L. Cain of Michaels Pullan & Cain, a licenced insolvency practitioner, which was extremely unsatisfactory and inadequate since it did not set out his own views; did not say what he believed could be done in the way of realization of assets; did not deal with any clear basis of experience upon what would be realized and merely relied on hearsay statements.

Mr Cain contemplated that it would be proper for the administrator to make a payment to the petitioning creditor to satisfy its injured feelings in failing to get a winding-up order.

That was wholly improper and cast grievous doubts upon Mr Cain's understanding of the the duties of an administrator who was not in office to make *payments to creditors. He above* all should not prefer one creditor over others and in a company which was hopelessly insolvent to the tune of millions of pounds.

There were the gravest doubts as to Mr Cain's qualifications for the position of administrator.

Further, the test to applied was set out correctly by Mr Justice Peter Gibson in *In re Consumer v Industrial Press Ltd* ((1988) 4 BCC 68).

That case held that the court had an unlimited discretion once the conditions in section 8(1)(a) and (b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 were satisfied and under section 8(1)(b) the court had to be satisfied on the evidence that at least one of the purposes in section 8(3) was likely to be achieved in order to make an administration order.

In the instant case there was nothing in the licensed insolvency practitioner's report to satisfy him that here was any likelihood of any money coming in.

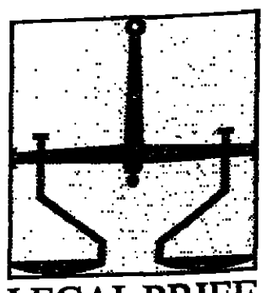
The assertion that the moneys due from abroad were unlikely to accrue in a liquidation did not go in any way to satisfy his Lordship that they were likely to accrue to the benefit of the estate of the company if an *administration order was made.*

His Lordship dismissed the petition with costs and directed that having considered rule 2.4(3) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) although the petition was to be treated as the petition of the company that did not deprive the court of its *jurisdiction to order the costs to* fall upon any persons who were parties to the matter.

The directors were parties at presentation and the whole costs of the petition should be borne by them rather than fall upon the insolvent estate.

Solicitors: Tarlo Lyons Randall Rose; Wilde Sapte.

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LEGAL BRIEF

Stanley Best, a Torrington solicitor who runs his own practice, examines how legal aid is highlighting the growing polarization of the profession

Thomas Fuller (1654-1734) took a jaundiced view of our profession. "Lawyers," he said, "don't love beggars." If he was alive today his remark would be directed to the giant firms of solicitors, mainly, but not entirely, in the City of London, who fight shy of legal aid work. There is, after all, little money in legal aid for the lawyer — certainly nowhere near enough to support the City firm recently reported to have spent £6 million on computers.

Our profession, traditionally divided between solicitors and barristers, is now facing a further division. Many of my own clients countrywide who seek legal aid to sue, for example, for professional negligence or to restrain excesses of bureaucracy would be without a remedy were it not for legal aid, and this is now under attack from the government.

As the pressure by government on legal aid funding grows and the demand is made for more and more productivity by lawyers, doctors and others without regard to quality in advising or decision making, so the standard of care will fall and the layman require greater assistance to assert his rights.

The government appears content that the wealthy individual or corporation should *be served by giant firms of* lawyers; but shows scant regard for the weak or the ill-educated, who are increasing in numbers and who need legal aid and advice even more at a time when their rights are invaded and, conversely, when others are reluctant to accept their obligations. Without legal aid the arrogant will succeed and the timorous go under.

Many solicitors do, in fact, accept the burden of legal aid work but it is becoming more and more difficult for them. Staff, both qualified and unqualified, are attracted by large salaries and perks offered elsewhere. The legal aid solicitor whose work was described a year or two ago by someone close to the Law Society as "the grotty end of the market" cannot pay those high salaries. A former associate professor of law now in practice on his own as a solicitor tells me that after two years he is grossing £13,000 per annum. His clients, of course, are the halt and the lame on legal aid. We are indeed seeing *perestroika* in our profession, but in a way which damages those least able to fend for themselves.

This is Thatcherism gone mad. But would justice be safer in any other hands? Sadly, all parties seem to think that they and they alone have the monopoly of wisdom. It is therefore up to solicitors *to fight to preserve* legal aid and to be sure that it will never be said again, as cynically it once was, that the courts, like the Ritz hotel, are open to all who can pay.

There are those solicitors who want the freedom to incorporate as limited companies, which would no doubt suit the bigger firms seeking limited liability. But this might also lead to the swallowing up of many of the smaller firms — or to their being squeezed out — in the same way that enterprising businessmen are striving to monopolize the funeral business. Before long we would have the government sanctioning the absorption of other small firms of solicitors by insurance companies and building societies as part of their empires, linked with the growing estate agency mammoths.

Ours is an ancient and honourable profession, a vocation, and those who want, essentially, to make vast profits from the fringes of the law *should no longer be members* of it. There is nothing wrong with high fee earning, but it has to be related to one's obligations to the not-so-wealthy in our midst. The profession and the public need to be reminded of the medical profession in pre-war days, chronicled by A.J. Cronin in what became known as *Doctor Finlay's Casebook* in which Doctors Cameron and Finlay tended to the "panel patients" whilst Dr Snoddy dealt with the "carriage trade". Today the division between the big league and the smaller fry amongst solicitors is even more marked.

The *remedy is to say that* those who wish to engage in the business areas of the legal profession, seeing profit as their principal motive and serving commercial and industrial giants should, in future, be designated "law agents". They should *be unable to deal* with any litigation in the courts save through a member of a restructured profession combining solicitors and barristers and re-entitled, collectively, "advocates". These advocates — who would have to take the rough of legal aid with the smooth of wealthier clients — would be organized on the lines of the legal profession in the state of Victoria, Australia. There, the lawyer qualifies as both solicitor *and* barrister and may practise as a barrister, as a solicitor, or, as one might term him, a "conjoint" usually to be found in rural areas where it is inconvenient for barristers — in terms of distance and expense — to venture.

Lord Denning's emphasis on maintaining only the independence of barristers is mistaken. The independence of the whole profession must be maintained and we must be prepared to work sensibly to further the interests of freedom under the law. It is humbug to suggest that solicitors cannot succeed as advocates: at Bodmin Crown Court, for example, they enjoy, with barristers, the right to practise as advocates before judge and jury. According to the Lord Justice Lawton, the retired Court of Appeal judge, they do it very skilfully.

If we are to preserve our profession as a profession in the public interest, then those who seek to commercialize the practice of the law must be persuaded to depart from our ranks. Time is short. Let us get to it.

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Human Rights Law Report — Strasbourg

Swiss violation of right to fair trial

Belilos v Switzerland

(Case No 20/1986/118/167)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges J. Cremona, Thor Vilhjalmsson, D. Bindschedler-Robert, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, J. Pinheiro Farinha, L.-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, R. Macdonald, C. Russo, R. Bernhardt, A. Spielmann, J. de Meyer, and N. Valticos

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[Judgment April 29]

The European Court of Human Rights held unanimously that *Switzerland had violated article* 6(1) of the European Convention on Human Rights in that Mrs Belilos had not been tried by an independent and impartial tribunal.

An "interpretative declaration" made by Switzerland could not be understood as a "reservation" under article 64 of the Convention for two reasons: reservations of a general character were prohibited, and states were obliged, when making reservations, to append a brief statement of the law concerned.

Mrs Marlene Belilos lived in Lausanne. On May 29, 1981, the Lausanne Police Board imposed on her a fine of 200 Swiss francs for having taken part in an unauthorized demonstration in the streets of the city. On September 4, the board reduced the fine to 120 Swiss francs.

The applicant's appeal to the Criminal Cassation Division of the Vaud Cantonal Court was dismissed on November 25, 1981. Her public-law appeal against that was dismissed by the Federal Court on November 2, 1982.

The case raised in particular the problem of the scope of an interpretative declaration which Switzerland made in respect of article 6(1) namely: "The Swiss Federal *Council considers that* the guarantee of fair trial in article 6(1) . . . in the determination of civil rights and obligations or any criminal charge against the person in question is intended solely to ensure ultimate control by the judiciary over the acts or decisions of the *public authorities relating to* such rights or obligations or the determination of such a charge."

Having attempted unsuccessfully to achieve a friendly settlement, the European Commission of Human Rights drew up a report on May 7, 1986 *in which it established* the facts and expressed the unanimous opinion that there had been a breach of article 6(1).

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Preliminary objection

The Government argued that Mrs Belilos's application was incompatible with Switzerland's international undertakings under article 6(1). They relied on the interpretative declaration.

A Nature of declaration

The Court examined the factors relied on by the government in support of their submission that the declaration amounted to a reservation.

The argument derived from the purpose of the declaration was closely related to the one based on the preparatory work.

As to the text of the declaration, the Court acknowledged that the original French wording, though not altogether clear, could be understood as constituting a reservation.

The fact that the making of interpretative declarations coincided with the making of reservations reflected normal practice. That being said, the *lack of uniformity in the prac*tice followed by Switzerland and in the Convention system would not itself justify describing the declaration as a reservation.

The silence of the depositary and the state's parties did not deprive the Convention institutions of the power to make their own assessment.

There remained the preparatory work. The Court recognized that it was necessary to ascertain the original intention of those who drafted the declaration.

In the instant case, the Swiss Government had always been concerned to avoid the consequences which a broad view of the right of access to the courts would have for the system of public administration and of justice in the cantons and consequently to put forward the declaration as qualifying Switzerland's consent to be bound by the Convention.

Only reservations were mentioned in the Convention, but several states had also (or only) made interpretative declarations, without always clearly distinguishing between the two.

In order to establish the legal character of a "declaration" one had to look behind the title given to it and seek to determine the substantive content. In the *present case, it appeared that* Switzerland meant to remove certain categories of proceedings from the ambit of article 6(1) and to secure itself against too broad an interpretation of that article.

However, the Court had to see to it that the obligations arising *under the Convention were not* subject to restrictions which would not satisfy the requirements of article 64 as regards reservations.

B Validity of declaration

1 Court's jurisdiction

The Court's competence to determine the validity under article 64 of a reservation or, where appropriate, of an interpretative declaration had not given rise to dispute. That the Court had jurisdiction was apparent from articles 19, 45 and 49 and from the Court's case-law.

2 Compliance with article 64

Article 64 read as follows: "(1) Any state may, when signing (the) Convention or when depositing its instrument of ratification, make a reservation in respect of any particular provision of the Convention to the extent that any law then in force in its territory is not in conformity with the provision. Reservations of a general character shall not be permitted under this article.

"(2) Any reservation made under this article shall contain a brief statement of the law concerned."

(a) Article 64(1)

At least in respect of criminal proceedings, Switzerland's declaration had general, unlimited scope. By "reservation of a general character" in article 64 was meant in particular a reservation couched in terms that were too vague or broad for it to be possible to determine their exact meaning and scope.

The wording of the disputed declaration did not make it possible for the scope of the undertaking by Switzerland to be ascertained exactly, in particular, as to which categories included and as to whether or not the "ultimate *control by the judiciary" took in* the facts of the case. It could therefore be interpreted in different ways, whereas article 64(1) required precision and clarity.

(b) Article 64(2)

Article 64(2) applied to all the states parties, whether they were unitary or federal and whether or not they had a unified body of procedural law. The "brief statement of the law concerned" both constituted an evidential factor and contributed to legal certainty, and its omission could not be justified even by important practical difficulties.

The interpretative declaration, however, was not accompanied by such a statement, as the government had conceded.

C Conclusion

The Court held the declaration in question to be invalid. At the same time, Switzerland was, and regarded itself as, bound by the Convention *irrespective of* the validity of the declaration. The preliminary objection therefore had to be rejected.

II Article 6, paragraph 1

Mrs Belilos complained that she had not been tried by an independent and impartial tribunal within the meaning of article 6(1).

A Lausanne Police Board

The police board was described as a "municipal authority" in the 1969 Vaud Municipal Decisions Act and as an "administrative authority" by the federal court. The Court *held that even if such terms* did not appear to be decisive, they provided an important indication as to the nature of the body.

The police board had a judicial function and the proceedings before it were such as to enable the accused to present his defence. Its single member was appointed by the *municipality*, but that was not sufficient to cast doubt on his impartiality.

Although he was a municipal civil servant, he sat in a personal capacity; he was not subject to orders in the exercise of his powers; he took a different oath from the one taken by policemen; and in principle could not be dismissed during office.

Moreover, his personal impartiality had not been called into question in the instant case.

None the less, a number of considerations relating to the functions exercised and to internal organization were also relevant; even appearances could be important.

In Lausanne the member of the police board was a senior civil servant who was liable to return to other departmental duties. The ordinary citizen would tend to see him as a member of the police force subordinate to his superiors and loyal to his colleagues.

In short, the applicant could legitimately have doubts as to the independence and organizational impartiality of the police board, which accordingly did not satisfy the requirements of article 6(1) in that respect.

B Available forms of appeal

1 Criminal Cassation Division of Vaud Cantonal Court

The Government criticized Mrs Belilos for not having lodged an appeal on points of law. The Court held, on the contrary, that that remedy was not relevant, since it was not available for complaints such as the applicant's.

As for an application for a declaration of nullity, such proceedings included neither oral argument nor the taking of evidence and did not allow of a full re-examination of the facts. The jurisdiction of the criminal cassation division was therefore not sufficient in the instant case.

2 Federal Court

In the Court's view, the Federal Court did not remedy the deficiency at the level of the police board. When hearing a public-law appeal — the only one available in the instant case — it did not re-examine the questions of fact or of law, as its power was limited to ensuring that there had been no arbitrariness. There had therefore been a violation of article 6(1).

III Application of article 50

A Cancellation and refund of fine

Mrs Belilos sought cancellation and refund of the fine imposed by the police board. The Court noted that the Convention did not give it jurisdiction to direct the Swiss state to cancel the applicant's conviction and sentence.

B Legislative amendment

The applicant also sought amendment of the Vaud Municipal Decisions Act of November 17, 1969. The Court noted that the Convention did not empower it to order Switzerland to alter its legislation.

C Costs and expenses

The Court awarded the applicant reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred in the proceedings before the national courts, a total of 3,250 Swiss francs. In respect of the European proceedings, it awarded her 8,000 Swiss francs for lawyer's fees and expenses — less 8,822 French francs paid in legal aid — and 500 Swiss francs for out-of-pocket expenses.

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Waiting for the cavalry

Public-sector lawyers are under great pressure, desertions are rife, and the retreat has sounded. Edward Fennell asks: Will the cavalry arrive in time to save them from the private sector?

Under-paid, under-staffed and misunderstood . . . Britain's public-sector lawyers are fast being transformed into an army which has gone into wholesale retreat. Desertion is rife, the commanders are demoralized, and there is no clear sign so far that reinforcements or fresh supplies are on the way.

All that can be done is to slog on through snow and mud in the hope that by *some miracle the 7th Cavalry* will suddenly appear to put it all right.

No one, however, rates that prospect very highly. *Indeed, the latest reports* over the last couple of weeks have only served to underline just how serious things have got.

The Crown Prosecution Service is now notoriously below strength. In the Civil Service as a whole the shortage of lawyers has become a threat to good administration. And in many parts of local government, especially in the South-East, the difficulties are as bad.

What is especially frustrating, however, is that many public-sector lawyers believe that if only the pay problems could be solved, there would be no shortage of recruits.

It is claimed that the variety, quality, and intellectual stimulation of work in government easily beats, a lot of the repetitive treadmill transactions of private practice.

In many cases it offers scope for contributing to public welfare in a fundamental way. If you could sell the work on job-interest alone, say the public-sector lawyers, there would be no problem.

The London Fire and Civil Defence Authority is a good example of this. Set up in the wake of the abolition of the Greater London Council, the authority has responsibility for policing fire precautions and bringing prosecutions against the owners of hotels and clubs

The Kings Cross inquiry has created an enormous amount of work

when regulations are broken. It also has the job of looking after all the in-house legal services relating to fire-brigade property and injury compensation, as well as the authority's involvement in public inquiries. (The current Kings Cross Tube fire inquiry, for example, has created an enormous amount of work for the authority.)

With an establishment of 10 lawyers, the authority should be able to cope with its workload. Unfortunately, with recent resignations it faces the prospect of operating on half that number.

To its head of division, Timothy Nunns, this looks like an impending crisis, but his hope is that the intrinsic interest of the work will appeal to a certain type of lawyer.

He says: "I believe it is important to have strong public-sector lawyers in which the ethos of a public service is upheld. In return for this I think you get both a lot of fun and a lot of variety out of working in the public sector."

For example, at the moment he is working on the Hampstead Radio Station Bill to enable the authority to put a new radio mast up on Hampstead Heath to enable the authority to communicate better with its fire engines.

But, he adds: "I also get involved in things like employment tribunals and the licensing of sites for the disposal of waste. Although my time is dedicated to a single client that client has many different needs."

Like many public-sector lawyers Mr Nunns has moved around between a *number of different sorts of public body.* He used to work for the London Borough of Lambeth where at one stage he was involved both in prosecuting the owner of a massage parlour for not having a licence while at the same time working *with parliamentary draughtsmen on a* bill to remove the very need for a licence.

"It creates the kind of interesting situation which you would never meet in private practice," he says, adding: "Not surprisingly, it attracted a lot of publicity at the time."

The Inland Revenue is another part of the public service which also frequently finds itself at the centre of media interest. When the full biography of Lester Piggot is written, for example, the lawyers of the Inland Revenue are likely to feature prominently in the final chapters.

"*And for those lawyers who think that* involvement in a House of Lords Appeal is a once-in-a-lifetime event the Inland Revenue treats it as almost an everyday occurence.

The Revenue employs about 50 lawyers in its offices in Somerset House where they are ideally placed for the Law Courts. In fact, litigation makes up the majority of its work. Richard Walters, a barrister who was called to the Bar in 1977, spent three years earning a living as a defence brief in South Wales before coming to London in the early 1980s to *join the Revenue.*

"He now finds himself doing a lot of advocacy work and finds the stimulation *of this and the chance to see a case* through from start to finish(which could be a matter of years) satisfying.

"I still have many friends who are practising barristers doing criminal work and I think that a lot of them are now wondering what they should do next. With the Revenue there is much greater opportunity for making long-term progress in your career."

One organization which no longer *attempts to sell itself on long-term career* progress is the Commission for the New Towns. Under the New Towns and *Urban Development Corporations Act* 1985 the commission is now disposing of the property of the numerous new town *development corporations.*

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New recruits will need a sense of value for public service for its own sake

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There seems little question though that to outweigh the salary disadvantages of working in the public sector new recruits will need to have a sense of the value of public service for its own sake.

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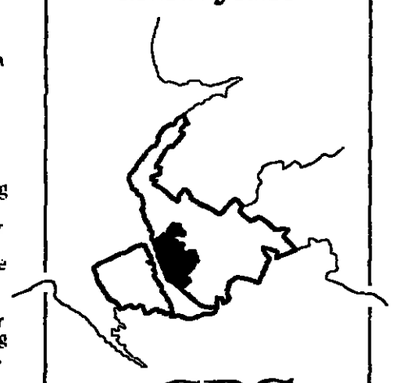
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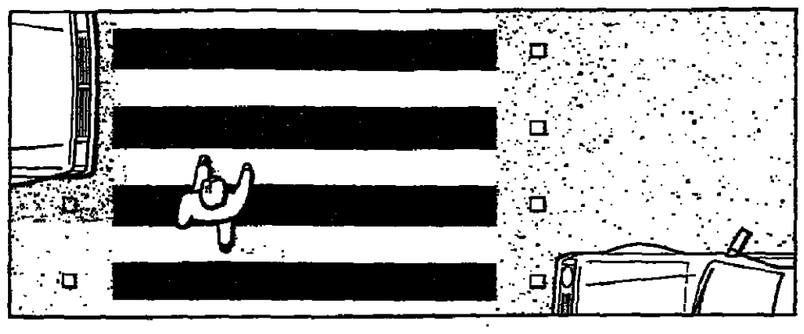
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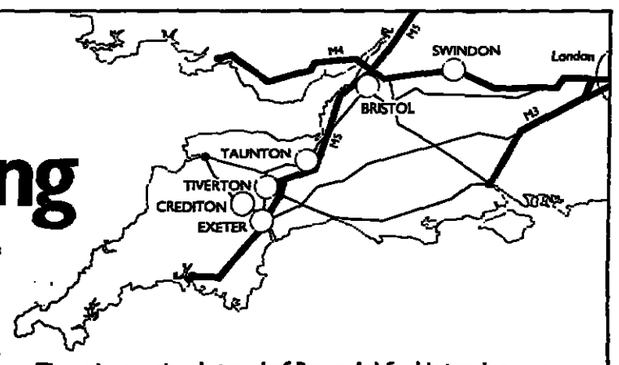
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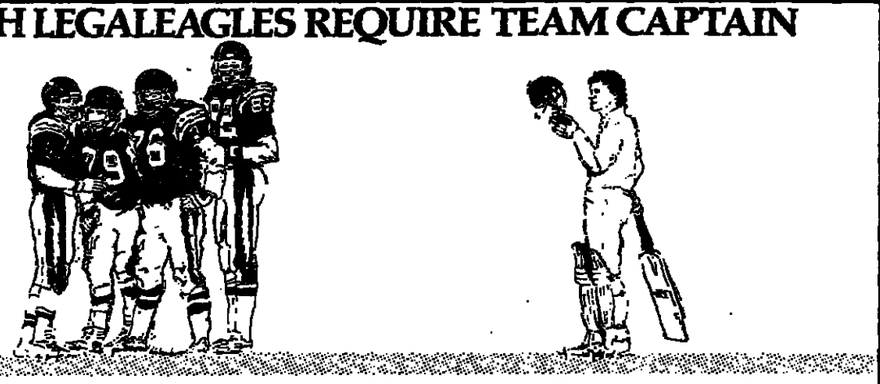
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RUGBY UNION: LACK OF REALISTIC PREPARATION PROVED COSTLY FOR ENGLAND TOURING PARTY IN AUSTRALIA

Uttley's qualities sorely missed

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Suva

England, having made what might be described as a positive contribution to Australia's bicentennial celebrations in that their hosts won the international series 2-0, flew to Suva yesterday. It must be hoped that their generosity does not extend to helping Fiji celebrate 75 years of rugby in the islands in the same way on Thursday.

It was with a detached air that your correspondent watched Great Britain's Rugby League side lose to Australia on Saturday; slightly less detached as England lost to the Wallabies 28-8 on Sunday but much the same comments were relevant to both games: plenty of that overworked noun, commitment, but neither northern hemisphere side was able to raise its game when the Australians raised theirs and the results continue a depressing run. It is 10 years since Britain beat the Kangaroos and seven since England beat the Wallabies.

"Wait until we get them on our grounds in November," one England forward muttered after Sunday's game. That is scarcely the point. So England do have an early prospect of extracting revenge when Australia visit Britain in the autumn, but, depending on the consequences of the three-match series against New Zealand, there is no absolute guarantee that the Australians will not be sufficiently adaptable to meet the challenge.

The point about England's eight matches in Australia is that so much was known beforehand of what to expect — or should have been — and so little seemed to have been done about it. Sunday's game, in view of the number of mistakes made in it by England, looked more like the starting point of a tour rather than its finishing point.

Of progress there has been none; indeed, there may even have been some regression if some of the comments from players genuinely indicate their true feelings. Some forwards, for instance, seem to believe that whatever else happened on Sunday, they did their job.

Certainly, they gave the backs enough ball and it is an indictment of English skills with the ball in hand that so little was made of their possession. The memory of Australian superiority in the 22-16 win in the first international in Brisbane, at scrum and lineout, remains fresh. England's pack is limited by climate, tradition and domestic requirements — or lack of them.

The World Cup report and the experience of the players who were there should have provided valuable reminders for England this summer. But Geoff Cooke, Alan Davies and David Robinson, a management team all new to touring at this level (Robinson's tour with England in 1971 as a player is irrelevant) and none with international playing experience, have been on yet another voyage of discovery when the whys and wherefores of Australian rugby have been plain since they toured Britain in 1984.

I do not think England's preparations have been hard enough or detailed enough for the players to match an Australian squad containing only two world-class players, David Campese and Nick Farr-Jones. Much of their work in training has been half-paced with little re-creation of genuine match conditions; not enough attention has been given to the basics at scrum and lineout from which other good things may proceed.

There has been an absence of strong leadership on and off the field. During the domestic season, Roger Uttley supplied that need: as they say in Australia, he had "been there, done that". But he was unavailable this summer and has been sadly missed.

We know more now about players who should not be playing for England than we do about those who might, though on the positive side Robinson has improved greatly and his Bath colleagues, Redman and Egerton, played well throughout. Australians could not understand the sentiment behind giving half a tour to Halliday and Carling, though they admired the play of both men and of Robinson. England appear little nearer the integrated rugby they seek.

ENGLAND RESULTS IN AUSTRALIA: May 17 (McKay): v Queensland Country, won 7-39; May 22 (Ballymore): v Queensland, won 18-22; May 25 (Toowoomba): v Queensland B, won 7-19; May 29 (Brisbane, first Test): v Australia, lost 22-16; June 1 (Adelaide): v South Australia invitation XV, won 10-37; June 5 (Sydney): v New South Wales, lost 23-12; June 8 (Sydney): v New South Wales B, won 9-25; June 12 (Sydney, second Test): v Australia, lost 28-8.



Hand over hand: Harding checked by Farr-Jones and the hands of Lynagh as he tries to ground the ball for an England try

S Africans top of the merit table

The world merit table for the past five years might fairly reflect the relative strengths of the 11 nations involved, though it might flatter Wales and Ireland (Chris Thau writes).

South Africa, one of the two strongest nations in the world, top the table even though they have not played international rugby since the 1984 England tour. South Africa's games against the New Zealand Cavaliers, South American Jaguars and South Pacific Barbarians have not been considered.

It is interesting to note that South Africa apart, the table between the second and fifth position involves the semi-finalists of last year's World Cup.

Country	P	W	L	D	%
South Africa	2	2	0	0	100
New Zealand	28	21	5	2	75
France	46	30	12	4	65
Australia	27	15	10	2	59
Wales	34	17	16	1	50
Scotland	31	13	16	2	41
Ireland	29	11	17	1	38
England	36	10	24	2	27
Argentina	12	3	7	2	25
Romania	12	2	10	0	16
Fiji	9	1	8	0	11

All Blacks still searching to perfect every element

From Chris Thau, Auckland

The century of points by New Zealand in the two internationals against Wales — a landmark in the history of the game — did not come by chance. Rather, it was reward for a positive search for perfection.

Last weekend in Auckland and a fortnight earlier in Christchurch, the All Blacks challenged the precept that team games are error-riddled pastimes. Instead, they launched a revolutionary concept: that rugby could be mistake-free.

The yearning for perfection has always seemed as far away in sport as it is in art and, in fact, mistakes in rugby have always been so unavoidable as to be something of a creative accessory to the opposition. Teams thus trying to eliminate errors have been labelled as dull and unimaginative.

Now, however, the All Blacks wish to take the sport to a new dimension of perfection. The grizzly Alex Wyllie, the All Black coach, launched this concept after the first Wales international. After praising his team's performance, he discussed shortcomings and disappointment.

"When you score 50 points and you still call for improvement in performance some may think that this is silly. But several players have been disappointed because of the mistakes they made and that offers scope for improvement in the future," Wyllie said.

Wayne Shelford, the captain, said: "The first thing Alan Whetton said after the game was that he missed two tackles, missed two lineout balls and knocked on three balls. He wanted to avoid making those mistakes again — it's what every member of the team wants."

After the second international, and despite a world record score, Shelford acknowledged the perfect game remains elusive. "However, we have to strive to achieve it. This is our aim, the direction of our development," he said. Wyllie said: "We have been implementing this mistakes-free system since last year. We are trying to achieve perfection every time we train or play. It is elusive, but it inspires us."

This approach was developed by John Hart, the former national selector and Auckland coach in an attempt to give his unbeaten Auckland side a target and a sense of purpose. "I remember that we went on for a spell of about three weeks without dropping the ball in training once," Steve McDowell, the Auckland and All Black prop, said.

With 14 Aucklanders in the World Cup squad the concept naturally percolated through into the All Black philosophy, especially as Wyllie is also conducting the search with Canterbury.

But while the Wales tour provided New Zealand with the first opportunity to try the concept, the genuine test will be when the All Blacks embark this week for the trip to Australia for the Bledisloe Cup series.

Lessons to be learnt from sterile decade

From Gerald Davies
Auckland

Strangely, it was a day of emotion and tears of regret for both sides. In the first international, New Zealand had scored a record number of points, and the second international, in Auckland last weekend, saw another record established against an international board country. In total, 106 points were scored by New Zealand against the opposition's meagre 12, 18 tries set against one.

Of all countries, it was Wales who were the opposition so comprehensively beaten, Wales who, back in 1905, had created in a contest with the All Blacks a legend that gave birth to an affinity and mutual respect, so that every Welshman and every New Zealander could stand full square and look each other straight in the eye, knowing that the challange once more had to be met.

Now, after 80 years or so, the rugby world is no longer quite the same. If Wales feel empty, then no one feels it more than New Zealand. They missed the true contest, no longer do they feel there is a match.

All this should be put in context. Graham Mourie's team came to the Arms Park in 1980 and spoiled the hosts' centenary celebrations by over-running Wales 23-3. Since then, far from putting the lessons into practice, the standards of Welsh performance have declined. It was only this year that they won the triple crown for the first time since 1979 and shared the championship, also something they had not come anywhere near achieving during all that time.

A report, looking into the state of Welsh rugby, published three years ago, seems to have made little significant difference. After the World Cup there was much crowing about Wales's third place, while conveniently ignoring the one score that really mattered: the 49-6 defeat by the All Blacks in the semi-finals. That, and the recent failures, was the result of a sterile decade.

At the annual meeting of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) in two weeks, there must be time be devoted to a comprehensive review of the tour. The danger is that a scapegoat will be sought. Perhaps the players ought to speak. Jonathan Davies, privately, has admitted that he would welcome such an invitation.

What he and the other players are aware of, more than anything, is the substantial difference that now exists in the physical conditioning and preparation of their opposite numbers. The All Blacks appreciate that as a body-contact sport, rugby requires that a player should be in the correct physical condition. At scrum, ruck, maul or even when one man tackles another, strength is a prerequisite which cannot be ignored, and to carry more weight than is required is an unnecessary burden. This is the starting point.

Players must also be able to cover the ground at speed. Power must go with speed, of thought and of movement. To both Wyllie and Shelford, coach and captain of the All Blacks, the scrum is a matter of five seconds' concentration before the ball is back in play again, and therefore props have a lot else to do. Ponderous props — the "fatties" — are left in the wake of the New Zealand game.

Last year John Hart, then assistant coach to the team, demonstrated in training that the fastest All Black over 20 metres was McDowell, the prop, and not a threequarter. It is the power of the field event athlete to which they aspire, as much as the speed of the man on the track.

Emphasis is also laid on agility and suppleness, so that players may reach high for the ball as easily as they bend to their ankles to pick it up. Their training is geared to such practices and which, once again, would leave many a British forward feeling hopelessly inadequate. By analysing the various attributes required in any match, New Zealand come to understand the requirements of the individual player, and all are incorporated into their training schemes.

This is long before they settle down to the tactics and collective technique of the team. It is the individual player's responsibility to ensure that he is well prepared before that stage is reached. Fuller use can then be made of the time when the team is together.

From this sense of well-being, a confidence grows. This was supremely so on this last Welsh tour, and Shelford admitted that each of his players was better prepared to look after his patch than his opposite number. It was all aimed at exciting attack.

Nothing characterized the differences more than at any kick-off. The All Blacks kicked high and short to the 10-metre line for Whetton to leap to recover the ball and begin an attack. Wales, invariably, kicked the ball dead over the try line.

Each club coach in Wales will have to reconsider his methods. The coach's task is to make any player a better player, and not to simply go through the routines of team practices, of which so many players complain of the repetition and boredom.

In reconsidering all this, the clubs, too, must think again about the structure of their season and query the wisdom of their burdensome fixture list. The quantity of team training allied to the vast number of games in a season works against real quality.

New Zealanders' approach to the role of the game within the community is different again. The Auckland Rugby Union, a province and not the governing body, last year spent £100,000 — from gate money and sponsorship — on coaching at every level within its jurisdiction. They are paying the salaries of five coaches to go into schools and clubs to encourage more and better rugby participation of all ages. Since the World Cup, participation has risen by 81 per cent in the Auckland area, and this is a scheme that is being imitated in other provinces.

Perhaps now that they have invested in the capital expenditure of the national ground, the WRU might consider this kind of investment in the future talent of Wales before the Arms Park becomes an expensive mausoleum.

Either that, or accept the second rate. It is urgent because no Welsh player should ever again be subjected to the kind of humiliation this last touring party experienced in New Zealand.

WALES RESULTS IN NEW ZEALAND: May 18 (Hamilton): v Waikato, lost 28-18; May 21: v Wellington, lost 38-22; May 24 (Dunedin): v Otago, won 13-15; May 28 (Christchurch, first Test): v New Zealand, lost 52-3; June 1 (Napier): v Hawkes Bay, won 45-18; June 4 (New Plymouth): v Taranaki, drew 13-13; June 7 (Wanganui): v North Auckland, lost 27-9; June 11 (Auckland, second Test): v New Zealand, lost 54-9.

Reluctant Wales set record

From Chris Thau
Auckland

Wales have now suffered the three biggest defeats in matches between the eight members of the International Rugby Board (IRB). With 54, 52, and 49 points scored against them by the All Blacks, the Welsh have supassed Scotland's record defeat, 0-44, at the hands of the Springboks.

But countries such as Italy, Romania, Fiji, and Japan have recently joined the IRB as associate members and some of the defeats suffered by these teams, put the recent troubles of Wales in perspective.

Japan were beaten 74-0 and 106-4 by the All Blacks last year while Italy went down to the same team, 70-6, in the World Cup. Argentina beat Paraguay 103-3 in the 1985 South American championship.

Japan can take some consolation from their own 102-9 romp against Sri Lanka, while Romania thrashed Bulgaria 100-0 in 1975. The Romanians also beat Morocco 89-0 in 1977, were humbled, 60-0, by Ireland two years ago, and beat Italy, 69-0, in 1977. France overcame Zimbabwe 70-13, and scored well over 120 points against Yugoslavia.

RACING

Exhilarating days for the master of Bedford House

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

"There is an old Italian saying about the more enemies, the more glory," Luca Cumani said. The trainer was referring to the intense competition at Royal Ascot, particularly in this afternoon's five pattern race programme, for which he has three strongly fancied runners in Then Again, Raykour and Polar Gap.

The battle analogy is apt. Not only have British racecourses become the testing ground for the cream of international bloodstock; the top trainers are also engaged in a continual struggle for power and glory.

Their ammunition consists of the produce of the world's best studs. Rich men like the Aga Khan, the Maktoums, Khaled Abdulla and the long established British owner-breeders now stand in the same relationship to trainers as did the Renaissance princes to craftsmen and artists in the Middle Ages. Their patronage is essential.

At the age of 39 the Milan-born Cumani, whose father was on 10 occasions Italy's leading trainer, is the new star in the top league. Until he took third place in 1985 and 1987, the first four positions in the trainers' table had been filled only by Henry Cecil, John Dunlop, Guy Harwood, Dick Hern and Michael Stoute during the present decade. And now, after Kahyasi's victory in the Derby, Cumani is heading the list.

For the past six seasons he has had a steadily improving strike rate — percentage ratio of winners to runners. In 1987, his best year to date, he saddled 98 winners in this country for a strike rate of 28 per cent. This year the figures are 28 winners and 35 per cent. The trainer is consequently the darling of the punters and the scourge of the bookmakers.

Applied intelligence and constant attention to detail; organizing ability combined with flair and judgement. These are the hallmark of all high achievers. But the bottom line for any outstanding horsemaster must still be the way of the man with the horse. The dramatic improvement shown by the undefeated Kahyasi to win the Derby represents the highlight of Cumani's career to date.

"Of course, I didn't know whether he could improve enough, but I was hopeful. Nothing ever flusters him. Put him in any new situation and instead of being worried he's interested. He pricks his ears and has a good look around.

"I had this inkling. He'd done everything that was asked and answered every question in his gallops and in his races. He's never extravagant. If you put him with my hack, he'd only just beat him."

In 1908 Chevalier Ginistrelli, a Neapolitan eccentric, was training at Newmarket. That year he won the Derby and Oaks with his home-bred filly, Signorinetta. The young Cumani's dreams of becoming the second Italian to train the winner of the blue riband of the turf, took shape as he rode up and down the Bury Road in the early 1970s.

"It all happened by chance," he explained. "I was working for a university degree in agriculture and estate management but came over to spend the summer of 1971 with John Winter. Then I gave up university and came back in December, 1973, as pupil-assistant to Henry Cecil.

"The more I passed Bedford House, the more I thought how lovely it would be to train there," Cumani went on. "I was young and enthusiastic, never thinking about the pitfalls or possible disaster."

The start was made in 1976 and Cumani tasted instant success. His first victory was in a pattern race with Three Legs and he had three fillies placed in the classics in his second season, 1977.

But then came a setback: "My Italian owners, like Carlo D'Alessio and Massimo Boffa, were only prepared to pay 20 or 30,000 guineas for yearlings, which was higher than the average at that time. But then Robert Sangster suddenly struck gold, the Arabs joined in and the market took off. My owners just couldn't compete."

The turn of the tide came in 1983, when Tolomeo won the Budweiser Million. Since then there has been Commanche Run, his first British classic winner, and other good horses like Celestial Storm and Free Guest. This season he trains 25 horses for the Aga Khan and 30 for Sheikh Mohammed and his brother, Ahmed Al-Maktoum.

During what the trainer calls the "blue" period, when he lacked the fire-power of his rivals, Cumani's cleverness in developing his horses' talents through the nurseries of maiden races and handicaps became a byword. He has won the Cambridgeshire twice, the Britannia Stakes twice in four years and the Extel Handicap at Goodwood three times during the same period.

All trainers detest the implied slur of "cleverness" and to mention handicaps to Cumani is like waving a red flag at a bull. "It's all a fallacy about me and handicaps," he says, "but you've got to face the fact that 50 per cent of all races are handicaps and your can't shut yourself away from them. But my horses all come up from winning their maidens and my conscious is quite clear."

This afternoon the much improved Raykour takes on Blushing John, the French 2,000 Guineas winner, and other top milers in the St James's Palace Stakes.

The running of the Aga



Cumani: in the big league

Khan's colt when fifth at Newmarket and subsequently when landing a public gamble in the Esher Cup at Sandown was something of a *cause célèbre* at the time. "The horse was lame after Newmarket and a vet's certificate was produced," the trainer said firmly.

Cumani does not intend to have a two-year-old runner before August. And his confidence in himself and in the trust of his owners, is shown by the fact that Kahyasi, Raykour and Polar Gap, had only four races between them at that age.

"I used to enjoy reading books. I used to love sailing, I used to love skiing, but I just don't have the time any more," Cumani said. However, no one can doubt that his relish for life and his enjoyment of its crowded existence. "I think one of the reasons while we're being so successful is because I'm enjoying it so much.

"I'm fascinated by horses and their performances. I don't like going racing. I like riding with the horses in the morning and going round evening stables. I like looking at them, talking to them, feeling them and seeing what they're doing."

Like her husband, Sara Cumani is as smart as a whip. Their household runs like clockwork.

Cumani likes poking fun at himself, has a keen sense of humour and enjoys the childish banter of the racecourse. But his underlying seriousness of purpose keeps showing through.

Before dinner, the trainer took me round the yard and his affection for his horses became even more obvious. The nineteenth century Victorian brick of the old stables reflected friendliness and warmth, as did the roses and other flowers.

"I don't believe in luck, just in fast horses," had been an earlier quick retort. But now, as we walked through the rain, he said softly and earnestly: "I'm very privileged. I'm lucky, aren't I? I'm given lots of nice horses to train and good and loyal people working for me. I've got a nice set-up."

This time, Luca Matteo Cumani was speaking from the heart.

WATER POLO

Players still await fate over SA tour

By Steven Downes

More than a month after the original suspension of all games in the first division of the national league, the 11 players who allegedly participated in a competitive tour of South Africa still await a verdict on their future in the sport.

The Southern Counties Amateur Swimming Association committee failed to reach a judgment after a day-long inquiry. The inquiry has been adjourned until the end of July.

The suspension of the country's premier competition, however, is no longer in force, and the first division programme is expected to be finished as scheduled at the end of next month. Indeed, Hammersmith Penguins, one of the clubs with players subject to the inquiry, won the national deep water championship two weeks ago.

● The small squad of British swimmers competing in the Seven Hills meet in Rome had a successful weekend, with Adrian Moorhouse recording his fastest 100 metres breaststroke of the year (1 min 03.85sec), and Karen Mellor impressing with her 8min 44.94sec in the 800 metres freestyle.

June Croft, in a busy couple of days' racing, gained two second placings, in the 100 metres and the 400 metres freestyle

STUDENT SPORT

Wild and Coull head strong challenges

By Yuri Matischen

The British Universities Sports Federation Lawn Tennis championship, at West Worthing from June 20 to 24, promises to be sufficiently good to justify the LTA's rekindled interest in the higher education sector.

Isobelle Wild, studying at Exeter, is seeded No. 1 for the women's singles. Wild has represented England at both under-18 and under-21 levels and is the Nottinghamshire champion. Her main rival will be Yvonne Drew, of Loughborough, who is seeded second, is last year's beaten finalist.

Additional contenders for the championship come from the Scottish universities with Karen Ross, of Stirling, ranked fourth in Scotland, being given third seed spot and Anna Lavery, of Strathclyde, is ranked sixth in Scotland, fourth.

Among the men's entries, Roderick Coull, from Southampton, a medical student, is seeded first. Having won the British junior grass-court title in 1981, Coull has recorded recent wins over Andrew Castle, Stephen Shaw and Nick Fulwood.

In the other half of the draw is Michael McGill, of Aberdeen, who is ranked No. 1 in Scotland and is the Scottish universities champion. Last year's champion, Gordon Bell, from Glasgow and the under-21 Scots international, is seeded third and he will need to play to his best if he meets McGill in the semi-finals.

In the doubles, Loughborough students start as favourites to extend their recent domination with the pairings of Drew and Angela Mills in the women's event and Andrew Knox and Steve Chester in the men's.

SEEDINGS: Men: 1, R Coull (Southampton); 2, M McGill (Aberdeen); 3, G Bell (Glasgow); 4, H Pringle; 5, S Chester (both Loughborough); 6, M West (Stirling); 7, P Wright (Warwick); 8, A Knox (Loughborough). Women: 1, J Wild (Exeter); 2, Y Drew (Loughborough); 3, K Ross (Stirling); 4, A Lavery (Strathclyde); 5, A Mills (Loughborough); 6, M Lavery (Stirling); 7, E Dowson; 8, S Massey (both Loughborough).

In the British colleges championship, held on hard court at Crewe and Alsager at the weekend, Francis Caldwell, of De La Salle, the No. 2 county player in Bedfordshire, defeated Colin Boxer, of Bullmershe, 6-2, 6-1 to win the men's title. In the women's singles, Olivia Paden, of West London Institute overcame the spirited effort of Jill Lees (Crewe and Alsager) to win 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

DOUBLES RESULTS: Women: J Lees and S Rainbow (Crewe and Alsager) bt S Stoner and A Wright (St Paul's and St. Mary's), 6-2, 6-1. Men: L Tutt and J Pollard (West Sussex Institute) bt J Williams and A Allison, 6-2, 6-3 (St Paul's and St Mary's).

BASKETBALL

Great Britain deliver an early warning

By Julian Desborough

Great Britain gave an early warning to their European opponents in the forthcoming Olympic qualifiers by winning the Vittel Tournament, held in Epinal, France, at the weekend, with impressive wins over France and West Germany.

Despite losing to The Netherlands, 86-77, in the final game, Britain, led by the shooting of Ralton Way and Colin Irish in all three games, overhauled the Germans in the first match 102-79, before wearing down a strong French team, 92-88, on Saturday, to win the warm-up competition.

Joe Whelton, the Great Britain coach, will have been disappointed with the loss to the Dutch, however, since Britain will play them again, on their home soil, in Grünigen on July 2, as part of the qualifiers proper. Also in Britain's Olympic qualifying group are Spain, Ireland and Sweden. The top two go to the final stages in Rotterdam on July 4.

The British team, largely composed of players from Livingston and Manchester, has another warm-up in Helsinki on June 16, when they face Finland and West Germany.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING SCHEDULE: June 28: v Spain; June 30: v Ireland; July 1: v Sweden; July 2: v The Netherlands.

BOXING

Hagler quits and saves his looks for filming

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the former undisputed world middleweight champion, retired from the ring yesterday. The fearsome, shaven-headed boxer, who earned $40 million in seven years as a world champion, is to go into films.

Hagler, aged 34, decided to call it a day after realizing that there was little chance of meeting Sugar Ray Leonard, who controversially relieved him of his title last April.

Announcing his retirement from the ring in Ravenna after seeing his brother, Robbie Sims, fail in his challenge against Sumbu Kalambay, of Italy, the World Boxing Association champion, Hagler said: "I think Ray is going to continue to play games. It might take a year for anything to happen, and I don't want to wait.

"I think that I will leave boxing to my little brother. I have decided to dedicate myself to movies and television endorsements. I'd like to leave the game with all my faculties, with my health and some of my good looks. That's more important than money or anything."

Hagler won the title from Alan Minter, of Britain, in 1980 and defended successfully 12 times. He wanted to equal Carlos Monzón's record of 14 defences but Leonard came out of retirement and surprised the experts and Hagler by winning on a split decision. Hagler has not boxed since that bout and still believes that he won it.

Hagler was born into a poor family in New Jersey but lived in Brockton, Massachusetts, the home town of Rocky Marciano, after turning professional with the Petronelli brothers in 1973.

Many thought that Hagler shaved his head to hide baldness and his age and he was even considered an "old man" by some when he came to London to challenge Minter. Despite his 12 defences, it was only when the Petronellis produced his birth certificate at a Press conference before the bout with Leonard that the unbelievers were convinced he was 33.

He lost only three of his 67 contests and drew two. His most exciting bout was against Thomas Hearns; his most controversial against Leonard as the former world welterweight champion was returning after a retina operation.

Even though three of Britain's most popular boxers, Minter, Kevin Finnegan and Tony Sibson were among his victims, he remained a favourite of British boxing supporters.

POINT-TO-POINT

Kimswa leads the way for the Northern area

By Brian Beel

The improving Kimswa from the Tynedale hunt gained the most points, 81, for the Point-to-point Owners' Association awards of £100 and a trophy valued £250 for the season which ended on Saturday.

Amanda Harwood, just pipped for the women's title by Jennifer Litston at the season's final meeting, the Torrington Farmers at Umberleigh, received some compensation when her Betty's Pearl was top in the South East with 52 points.

The awards were for the owners of the leading five, six or seven-year-old in each of the 14 areas.

Points were awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all open races on a scale 10, six and three and in all other races eight, four and two points were earned.

Regional winners

Area	Owner (hunt)	Horse (age)	Pts
Devon/Cornwall	G Penfold (Silverton)	John Sam (7)	50
East Anglia	H Rowe (Puckeridge & Thurlow)	Shedid (7)	46
Midlands	C Dawson (Southwold)	Roscoe Boy (6)	42
Northern	W Bolton (Tynedale)	Kimswa (7)	81
North Western	P Rothery (Cheshire)	Palmer's Gold (7)	28
Sandhurst	Miss P Sutton (Staff College)	Super Shuttle (7)	11
South East	G Harwood (Crawley and Horsham)	Betty's Pearl (7)	52
South Midlands	D Frankland (Grafton)	Hand Signel (7)	35
South Wales	Miss L Smithson (Tredegar)	Lost Albert (7)	34
Taunton	R Barber (Cattistock)	Archie's Nephew (7)	42
Welsh Borders	Mrs P Morris (Radnor & W Hereford)	Master Spartan (7)	46
West Midlands	Miss L Price (North Cotswold) and C Spate (North Ledbury)	Burnswark (7) / Roscoe Spate (6)	23 / 23
West Wales	P Bowen (Pembrokeshire)	One For Mammy (7)	44
Yorkshire	M W Easterby (Middleton)	Karakter Reference (6)	60

Matthews colt has fine start

Backers virtually ignored That's The One before the EBF Plumtree Maiden Stakes at Nottingham yesterday, but then saw the Ian Matthews-trained colt, who drifted in the market from 5-1 to 12-1, beat the 11-10 on favourite, Agnes Lily, by a convincing two lengths.

Matthews, who shares That's the One with Newmarket owner Nick Herbert, said: "I had this one ready to run at the first meeting of the season at Doncaster, but then he developed sore shins. This was a very satisfactory debut, however, because he was a cheap colt bought for only 3,800 guineas.

It was a sixth winner of the season for Matthews and jockey Nigel Day.

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Soviet Star for flying start

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Soviet Star is napped to get punters off to a good start at Royal Ascot today by winning the Queen Anne Stakes which always begins the four-day extravaganza in deference to the monarch who founded the course in 1711.

And what a race it promises to be with the jockeys on Soviet Star, Fair Judgment, Then Again and Waajib all likely to adopt cat-and-mouse tactics.

On the corresponding day 12 months ago, Soviet Star was beaten a length by Half A Year in the St James's Palace Stakes.

Now confidence in his ability to give 3lb to Half A Year's stable companion Then Again, who won this race a year ago, stems from the impression that he looked an even better horse this Spring when winning the Trusthouse Forte mile at Sandown.

On that occasion, I was captivated by the way that Soviet Star came away from Shady Heights in spite of the fact that it looked as though a race would do him good.

Since then Shady Heights has upheld the form by beating Fair Judgment in Ireland and by finishing a close fifth behind Miesque in France.

That run in Ireland confirmed that Soviet Star ought to beat Fair Judgment again having done so already in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood last summer.

On that occasion Then Again was only fifth. But to be fair he was not right afterwards and he has not raced since.

So Waajib, who performed a minor miracle to get up and win the Diomed Stakes at Epsom on Derby Day considering where he was halfway up the straight, could easily turn out to be Soviet Star's main danger this time.

No matter how Waajib fares, trainer Alec Stewart can still leave the course a happy man having won the Prince Wales's Stakes a second time with Mtoto.

Last year, success in the race was a forerunner to beating Reference Point and Triptych in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown.

On fast ground that he relishes, Mtoto may have more to fear from Broken Hearted than Indian Skimmer. For it was on similar going that Broken Hearted won the Lockinge Stakes first time out this season.

Ascot watering

Nicholas Beaumont, Ascot's clerk of the course, reported that the course will be watered after racing today if there is no rain at the Berkshire track. The official going is firm, straight course, and good to firm, round.

As far as the St James's Palace Stakes is concerned, classic form is represented by Blushing John, the narrow winner of the French 2,000, but a disappointment since, and also by Prince Of Birds and Caerwent, who were locked together at the end of the equivalent Irish Classic, Caerwent having already finished fifth in the 2,000 at Newmarket.

John Reid, who was on Caerwent on both occasions, has switched, not surprisingly, to Prince Of Birds now.

As there appears to be so little between these members of the current classic crop, some will prefer to consider Carmelite House, Persian Heights or Raykour, who all have something to commend them.

I just prefer Persian Heights, who created such a good impression at Newbury last Wednesday when winning first time out over a mile by four lengths in a fast time.

Twelve months ago, the betting on the Coventry Stakes was dominated by colts from Henry Cecil's and Michael Stoute's stables, who had each won first time out on the same afternoon at Doncaster.

Now the pattern looks like being repeated with High Estate representing Warren Place and Dancing Dissident Beech Hurst.

The choice is far from easy. Dancing Dissident is just preferred, though, in the belief that he was not nearly so wound up at Doncaster as High Estate.

In going for Polar Gap to win the King Edward VII Stakes, I have taken a calculated risk.

For he has neither proved himself in this company nor at this distance.

Yet his recent homework with Luca Cumani's other good horses has been so impressive that I think the risk is worth taking.

While conceding that Zero Watt should go well in the Ascot Handicap, following that eye-catching run in fifth place in the Henry II Stakes at Sandown, I am still inclined to lean towards Parlezvousfrancais from Martin Pipe's all-conquering stable.

The winner of five races over hurdles during the second half of the season, Parlezvousfrancais turned his only Flat race of the current term into a procession at Nottingham.

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 4.55 Golden Wave. BEVERLEY: 2.45 Alvecote Magic. 3.20 Wanshiya. Hot Company.



Mtoto, seen winning last year's Prince Of Wales's Stakes with Richard Hills deputizing for the suspended Michael Roberts. The South African rider, Mtoto's regular partner, takes the mount today as Alec Stewart's five-year-old attempts to complete a double in the event

Ghadbbaan's odds plummet as Cup gamble gathers pace

By George Rae

A major gamble developed yesterday on Ghadbbaan for tomorrow's Royal Hunt Cup. Quoted at 12-1 in the morning by Corals, Alec Stewart's four-year-old, who carries 8st 10lb, including a 5lb penalty for a recent Ripon win, quickly dropped to 7-1 clear favourite.

"When you offer prices on a race as competitive as the Hunt Cup you expect serious interest in about eight of the runners," spokesman Wally Pyrah said, "but Ghadbbaan is the only one to have really captured the backers' imagination.

"He would be our main liability but we have also had some inquiries about Single, Inaad and Afshoun," he went on.

Corals have Single, the beaten Lincoln favourite, next best at 10-1 with the Tom Jones-trained Inaad 12-1 and Michael Stoute's Afshoun on 14-1, a mark he shares with the northern-trained pair Athens Gate and Silver Haze.

Hills also reported substantial support for Ghadbbaan, and have laid him to lose £107,000, as did Ladbrokes, who have a £150,000 liability. He is now a best-priced 8-1 with Hills.

There was also plenty of backing for Steve Cauthen to be leading jockey at the four-day meeting. Corals, having been out of step with other bookmakers at 5-4, have now trimmed Cauthen to a more general 5-4 on favourite.

However, a lively outsider has emerged in the shape of Ghadbbaan's rider Michael Roberts, the 11-times South African champion. He is down to 10-1, from 16-1, and has two excellent early opportunities today to state his case on Waajib in the Queen Anne Stakes and Mtoto, the likely market leader in the Prince of Wales's Stakes.

The centrepiece of the meeting, the Gold Cup on Thursday, has attracted 16 acceptors, which, if they were all to stand their ground, would be the biggest post-war field since Supertello beat 12 opponents in 1950.

Roberts again has fair prospects on the Ebor Handicap winner Daarkom, but the home defence will be led by Henry Cecil's Primitive Rising, successful in the group three Henry II Stakes at Sandown.

Royal Gait and Satco, who will be attempting to take the race for France for the first time since the outstanding Sagaro completed his treble 11 years ago, head an overseas challenge which includes the Norwegian-trained Wildvogel.

There is also a strong French challenge for the five-furlong King's Stand Stakes on Friday with Glifahda, but Barry Hills's Gallic League constitutes a powerful defence.

Hills has also entered the Temple Stakes winner Handsome Sailor, but he is more likely to attempt to initiate a big sprint double for Hills and owner Robert Sangster in the six-furlong Cork and Orrery Stakes on Thursday.

Also entered in the Cork and Orrery is Saturday's York winner Cadeaux Genereux, trained by Olivier Douieb. "He is not a definite runner," a stable spokesman said yesterday. "It's very much a question of seeing how he's come out of the York race and having a look at the declarations."

Big Shuffle heads Irish hopes

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Bluebird's thrusting four-length victory in the King's Stand Stakes last year hoisted the post-war century for Irish-trained horses at Royal Ascot.

By far the most popular event with our trainers, though, has proved to be the Cork and Orrery Stakes which, appropriately, derives its title from an Irish aristocrat.

Since Gordon Richards steered Solonaway to victory in the 1949 running, Irish sprinters have been first past the post on 14 occasions.

The most recent was last year's winner, Big Shuffle, and he must stand an excellent chance of repeating that success.

He looks to have improved considerably from three to four years having put up a splendid weight-carrying performance on his reappearance in the Greenlands Stakes at the Curragh last month. Shouldering 10st 11lb and a drifter in the market from 8-1 out to 16-1, he held on by a head from Toten (8st 6lb).

After agonising over the weekend, John Reid finally decided to desert Caerwent in preference for Prince Of Birds in this afternoon's St James' Palace Stakes.

When making a similar choice before the Irish 2,000 Guineas, Reid picked Caerwent who was caught close home by his stable companion. According to Vincent O'Brien, both worked extremely well last week and whereas Prince Of Birds was always a probable, there must be significance in Caerwent being added to the list for the same race.

It does pay, however, to stick with winning form and Prince Of Birds is not only a classic winner but also an unbeaten three-year-old.

Excellenza disqualified on unusual grounds — she did not wear the blinkers that had been declared for her — after running away with the Irish Cesarewitch last season, regained winning form in Ireland recently and, coming from an outstanding staying family, should go close in the marathon Queen Alexandra Stakes.

Irish two-year-olds with each-way chances look to be Honoria against the colts in the Coventry Stakes and the all-the-way Curragh winner Gloriella in tomorrow's Queen Mary Stakes.

ROYAL ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 SOVIET STAR (nap).	2.30 Waajib.
3.05 Mtoto.	3.05 MTOTO (nap).
3.45 Persian Heights.	3.45 Persian Heights.
4.20 Dancing Dissident.	4.20 Dancing Dissident.
4.55 Polar Gap.	4.55 Polar Gap.
5.30 Parlezvousfrancais.	5.30 Old Hubert.

By Michael Seely
2.30 Soviet Star. 3.05 MTOTO (nap). 4.55 Polar Gap.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.30 ZERO WATT.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: firm (straight course); good to firm (round course)
Draw: no advantage

2.30 QUEEN ANNE STAKES (Group II: £41,423: 1m str) (5 runners) — BBC 1

101	(1)	22121-1	SOVIET STAR 53 (D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 4-9-8	C Asmussen	99
102	(2)	1140-22	FAIR JUDGMENT 31 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) V O'Brien (Ire) 4-9-5	J Reid	92
103	(4)	201-032	PATRIACH 9 (CD,F,G,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 6-8-5	W Carson	94
104	(5)	210/110-	THEN AGAIN 321 (CD,F,G,S) (R Shannon) L Cumani 5-8-5	R Cochrane	98
105	(3)	3121-01	WAAJIB 13 (D,F,G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) A Stewart 5-8-2	M Roberts	96

BETTING: 11-8 Soviet Star, 2-1 Then Again, 3-1 Waajib, 8-1 Fair Judgment, 20-1 Patriach.
1987: THEN AGAIN 4-9-5 R Cochrane (4-5 fav) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM SOVIET STAR (9-6) came home in good style to win by 2½l from Shady Heights (9-0) at Sandown (1m Gpll, £30402, good to soft, Apr 22, 6 ran).
FAIR JUDGMENT (9-1) ½l 2nd to Shady Heights (8-12) at The Curragh (1m 2f Gpll, £57700, good, May 14, 10 ran).
PATRIACH (9-4) 2¼l 3rd to Broken Hearted (9-4) at Newbury (1m Gp II, £23426, firm, May 13, 5 ran) with WAAJIB (9-1) 3¾l 5th.
THEN AGAIN (9-4) was held up and came with late run to win this event last term (1m Gp II, £42912, good, June 16, 6 ran) by a head from Water Cay (9-2).
WAAJIB (9-5) did not have the clearest of runs when winning by 1¼l from Luzuan (9-5) at Epsom (1m 110y GpIII, £18569, good, Jun 1, 8 ran).
Selection: SOVIET STAR

3.5 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (Group II: £45,309: 1m 2f) (5 runners) — BBC 1

201	(5)	11146-1V	MTOTO 241 (CD,F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 5-9-8	M Roberts	99
202	(4)	11110-1	BROKEN HEARTED 32 (D,F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-5	T Quinn	93
203	(3)	111-207	HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN 14 (D,F,G,S) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 5-9-5	W Carson	97
206	(2)	4/1111-3	INDIAN SKIMMER 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-5	S Cauthen	98
207	(1)	032-3t0	GALITZIN 34 (D,G) (C Eliot) C Britain 3-8-3	Pat Eddery	75

BETTING: 5-4 Mtoto, 5-2 Indian Skimmer, 11-4 Broken Hearted, 5-1 Highland Chieftain, 16-1 Galitzin.
1987: MTOTO 4-9-4 R Hills (7-2 jt-fav) A Stewart 10 ran

FORM MTOTO (9-8) beat Media Starguest very easily (9-3) by 1l in a void race at Goodwood (1m 2f lgt, good to firm, May 18, 6 ran) on his reappearance. In this race last year (9-4) won well by 2½l from Amengo Vespucci (9-4).
BROKEN HEARTED (9-4) won very easily by 1½l from Prince Rupert (9-1) at Newbury (1m Gpll, £33426, firm, May 13, 5 ran).
HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN (9-1) ¾l winner from Media Starguest (8-13) at Sandown (1m 2f Gplll, £17754, good to soft, May 31, 7 ran) with INDIAN SKIMMER (9-0) in need of the outing 1¼l 3rd.
INDIAN SKIMMER (9-2) a good 4l winner from Miesque (9-2) at Chantilly (1m 2f 110y Gpl, £148148, soft, Jun 14, 11 ran).
GALITZIN (9-0) 15l 6th to Red Glow (9-0) at York (1m 2f 110y Gpll, £72819, good, May 11, 7 ran).
Selection: MTOTO

3.45 ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O: £103,869: 1m rnd) (7 runners) — BBC 1

301	(4)	113-114	BLUSHING JOHN 16 (D,F,G,S) (A Paulson) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0	F Head	97
303	(5)	11-102	CAERWENT 31 (B,S) (E Loder) V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0	W R Swinburn	98
304	(6)	11-	CARMELITE HOUSE 241 (S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	98
305	(1)	124	DRAPEAU TRICOLORE 30 (G) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0	C Asmussen	93
308	(7)	2113-1	PERSIAN HEIGHTS 6 (D,G) (Prince Yazid Saud) G Huffer 9-0	Pat Eddery	82
309	(3)	10-11	PRINCE OF BIRDS 31 (D,G,S) (R Sangster) V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0	J Reid	99
310	(2)	41-011	RAYKOUR 24 (D,F,G,S) (Aga Khan) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	93

BETTING: 11-4 Prince Of Birds, 7-2 Carmelite House, 9-2 Raykour, 5-1 Blushing John, 11-2 Caerwent, 15-2 Persian Heights, 10-1 Drapeau Tricolore.
1987: HALF A YEAR 9-0 R Cochrane (11-2) L Cumani 5 ran

FORM BLUSHING JOHN (9-2) beat French Stress (9-2) a nose in the French 2000 Guineas on penultimate start (1m Gpl, £99502, good, May 8, 10 ran).
CARMELITE HOUSE (9-5) 6l winner from Mulia (8-12) at Newmarket (7f £9533, good to soft, Oct 17, 12 ran).
DRAPEAU TRICOLORE (9-2) 13l 4th to Exactly Sharp (9-2) in the Prix Lupin (1m 2f 110yd Gpl, £58955, good to firm, May 15, 9 ran).
PERSIAN HEIGHTS (8-5) 4l winner from Dust Devil (8-5) at Newbury (1m, £7427, good, June 8, 5 ran).
PRINCE OF BIRDS (9-0) did not get a clear run until very late and managed to win by neck from CAERWENT (9-0) in the Irish 2000 Guiness at The Curragh (1m Gp1, £131,300, good, May 14, 14 ran).
RAYKOUR (8-11) an easy 3l winner from Western Gun (9-0) at Kempton (1m list, £8076, good to firm, May 21, 3 ran).
Selection: BLUSHING JOHN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	3	8	37.5
H Cecil	27	82	32.9
D Thom	3	10	30.0
L Cumani	12	45	26.7
M Stoute	28	105	26.4
A Stewart	3	13	23.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	33	170	19.4
M L Thomas	3	16	18.8
Pat Eddery	32	173	18.5
W R Swinburn	19	110	17.3
C Rutter	6	38	15.8
W Carson	22	144	15.3

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4.20 COVENTRY STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £21,582: 6f) (10 runners) — BBC 2

401	(10)	0213	ALMOST BLUE 25 (BF,S) (A Shelton) J Berry 8-13	J Carroll	84
402	(7)	1	CARDINAL SIN 60 (G) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-13	M Hills	75
403	(2)	011	CRONK'S COURAGE 28 (D,F,S) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 8-13	Pat Eddery	85
404	(4)	1	DANCING DISSIDENT 17 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-13	W R Swinburn	93
406	(3)	1	HIGH ESTATE 17 (D,F) (H Joel) H Cecil 8-13	S Cauthen	99
407	(1)	30	LOVISTONE 17 (BF) (Lord Clinton) P Walwyn 8-13	R Cochrane	65
410	(5)	134	SHARP N' EARLY 41 (S) (A F Budge Ltd) R Hannon 8-13	B Rouse	84
411	(8)	0311	SNO SERENADE 13 (F,G) D (Mrs J Gold) R Boss 8-13	M Roberts	91
412	(6)	1	STONE FLAKE 25 (D,G) (A Williams) P Kelleway 8-13	J Reid	81
413	(9)	1	HONORIA 19 (F) (H de Kwiatkowski) J Bolger (Ire) 8-8	K Manning	—

BETTING: 13-8 High Estate, 5-2 Dancing Dissident, 13-2 Stone Flake, 10-1 Cardinal Sin, 12-1 Cronk's Courage, Sno Serenade, 16-1 Honoria, 25-1 others.
1987: ALWAYS FAIR 8-13 W R Swinburn (9-2) M Stoute 13 ran

FORM ALMOST BLUE (8-12) ½l 2nd to Lugana Beach (8-12) here (5f, £2218, good to soft, May 9, 10 ran) with SHARP N' EARLY (9-4) ¾l 3rd.
CARDINAL SIN (9-0) 1½l winner from Flaming Sword (9-0) at Newbury (5f, £3987, good, Apr 15, 12 ran) with ALMOST BLUE (9-0) 2½l 6th.
CRONK'S COURAGE (9-3) 2l winner from Albert's Way Out (9-3) at Goodwood (6f grad, £3252, good to firm, May 19, 9 ran).
DANCING DISSIDENT (9-0) quickened nicely for a 5l win from Copyray (9-0) at Doncaster (6f mdn, £958, good to firm, May 28, 17 ran).
HIGH ESTATE (9-0) easy 6l winner from Serious Trouble (9-0) at Doncaster (6f mdn, £959, good to firm, May 28, 16 ran).
SNO SERENADE (9-2) improved to beat Sylvan Tempest (9-2) 1½l at Epsom last time (6f, £12311, good, June 1, 8 ran).
STONE FLAKE (9-0) 1½l winner from Waldnaas (9-0) at Newmarket (6f mdn, £3587, good, May 20, 12 ran).
Selection: HIGH ESTATE

4.55 KING EDWARD VII STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £53,222: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

501	(5)	14-1016	PROJECT MANAGER 13 (F,G) (D Dobson) J Bolger (Ire) 8-11	K Manning	88
502	(1)	03-041	AHOY 21 (D,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8	M Hills	82
507	(3)	122214	GOLDEN WAVE 27 (B,F,S) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-8	W Carson	90
508	(2)	3122	KALAKATE 22 (G) (E Moller) G Wragg 8-8	Paul Eddery	90
509	(6)	211	LAZAZ 17 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-8	W R Swinburn	84
510	(5)	4-11	POLAR GAP 29 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-8	R Cochrane	85
511	(7)	112-20	SHERIFF'S STAR 13 (C,G,S) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 8-8	T Ives	99
513	(8)	1	TRIAD 15 (D,F) (S Niarchos) H Cecil 8-8	S Cauthen	85

BETTING: 7-4 Polar Gap, 3-1 Triad, 9-2 Sheriff's Star, 6-1 Lazaz, 8-1 Project Manager, Golden Wave, 14-1 Kalakate, 16-1 Ahoy.
1987: LOVE THE GROOM 8-8 Pat Eddery (7-1) J Dunlop 8 ran

FORM AHOY (9-0) 2l winner from Rasmara (8-11) at Salisbury (1m 4f mdn, £1806, firm, May 24, 12 ran).
KALAKATE (9-0) 1¼l 3rd to Orbando (8-9) in a Munich Gpll event (1m 3f, £23810, good to firm, May 23, 9 ran).
LAZAZ (8-4) neck winner from Spring Creek Road (8-11) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, £1230, good to firm, May 28, 7 ran).
POLAR GAP (9-4) pillar to post 7l winner from Truism (8-11) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f grad, £1063, firm, May 16, 6 ran) last time.
SHERIFF'S STAR (8-0) 3¾l 6th to Kahyasi (8-0) in the Epsom Derby (1m 4f Gpl, £296500, good, June 1, 14 ran) with PROJECT MANGER (9-0) 6¾l 9th.
SHERIFF'S STAR (8-12) previously 1¾l 2nd to Minster Son (9-1) at Goodwood (1m 2f list, £19738, good to firm, May 18, 7 ran) with GOLDEN WAVE (8-12) 3¼l 4th.
TRIAD (9-0) pushed out to win by 3l winner from Pillar Of Fire (9-0) at Haydock (1m 4f mdn, £2819, good to firm, May 27, 10 ran).
Selection: SHERIFF'S STAR

5.30 ASCOT STAKES (Handicap: £10,652: 2m 4f) (17 runners)

601	(15)	20020-4	LORD JUSTICE 17 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-10	M Hills	83
603	(3)	2/311-0	ZERO WATT 15 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 4-9-3	G Starkey	99
605	(9)	10-1234	BREAKOUT 24 (F,G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-8-5	Pat Eddery	84
606	(17)	2010-10	PRIVATE AUDITION 15 (G,S) (P H Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 6-8-2	G Carter	98
607	(8)	4321-21	RUSSIAN AFFAIR 27 (F) (P Hodgson) R Akehurst 4-8-2	W Carson	92
609	(13)	211-001	FAUX PAVILLON 14 (F,S) (C Ring) A Hide 4-8-1 (Sex)	W Newnes	94
610	(14)	000442	TRAPEZE ARTIST 15 (F,G) (Introgroup Ltd) N Vigors 7-8-0	Dale Gibson (5)	93
611	(10)	33-0001	ALL IS REVEALED 6 (V,C,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 6-8-0 (3ex)	Paul Eddery	95
612	(7)	10-0120	SUN STREET 40 (F,G,S) (J Ward Hill) C Brittain 5-7-13	M Roberts	94
613	(5)	10/03-31	FOLK DANCE 24 (V,F,G) (Britton T'Bred R & B Plc) G Balding 6-7-13	J Lowe	82
614	(6)	0-00P41	TROJAN LEGEND 15 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Van Geest) R Williams 4-7-13 (3ex)	A Clark	91
617	(11)	000-010	SNEAK PREVIEW 24 (BF,F,G) (Mrs C Cross) H Candy 6-7-11	J Carter (5)	92
618	(16)	213000	MILTON BURN 14 (F,G,S) (A Richards) H O'Neill 7-7-8	N Adams	94
619	(12)	00321-1	PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS 11 (F,S) (Fairford Wholesale) M Pipe 4-7-7 (3ex)	R Fox	94
620	(2)	03-0013	OLD HUBERT 24 (F,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 7-7-7	M L Thomas	93
621	(4)	01-2220	PATH'S SISTER 10 (G,S) (Miss B Duxbury) C Thornton 7-7-7	A Mackay	84
622	(1)	20200-0	TROY FAIR 17J (F,G) (R McAlpine) J Edwards 6-7-7	C Rutter	86

BETTING: 4-1 Parlezvousfrancais, 5-1 Zero Watt, 6-1 Faux Pavillon, 8-1 Russian Affair, Private Audition, Old Hubert, 10-1 Folk Dance, All Is Revealed, Sun Street, 12-1 Trojan Legend, 14-1 Breakout, 16-1 others.
1987: INLANDER 6-7-7 N Adams (5-1) R Akehurst 9 ran

FORM LORD JUSTICE (8-9) 16½l 4th to El Conquistador (8-9) at Haydock (2m, £3980, good to firm, May 28, 9 ran).
ZERO WATT (8-10) showed up well when 6l 5th to Primitive Rising (8-10) at Sandown (2m Gplll, £25530, good, May 30, 9 ran) with PRIVATE AUDITION (8-10) 9½l 8th.
RUSSIAN AFFAIR (8-1) neck winner from Island Set (8-13) at Goodwood (1m 4f hcap, £3909, good to firm, May 18, 9 ran).
FAUX PAVILLION (8-11) 1l winner from Ile De Roi (9-10) at Sandown (1m 6f h'cap, £3350, good to soft, May 31, 12 ran) with MILTON BURN (8-7) 3l 5th.
ALL IS REVEALED (9-1) short head winner from Jack Landon (8-7) at Yarmouth (1m 6f h'cap, £2389, good to firm, Jun 8, 5 ran).
FOLK DANCE (8-7) 1½l winner from Temple Reef (8-6) at Kempton (2m h'cap, £2805, good to firm, May 21, 11 ran) with OLD HUBERT (7-10) 2l 3rd.
BREAKOUT (8-3) 7l 4th, SNEAK PREVIEW (8-4) 8l 5th and ALL IS REVEALED (9-1) 15½l 8th.
TROJAN LEGEND (8-6) 2l winner from TRAPEZE ARTIST (9-5) at Doncaster (2m 2f h'cap, £3200, good to firm, May 30, 12 ran).
OLD HUBERT (7-8) 12l winner from Tom Sharp (8-0) at Chester (2m 2f 97y h'cap, £17284, heavy, May 5, 17 ran) with SUN STREET (8-12) 3¼l 5th, TROY FAIR (8-2) tailed off and TROJAN LEGEND (9-2) pulled up.
PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS (9-5) made all to win very easily by 10l from Feleide (7-12) at Nottingham (1m 6f h'cap, £1537, firm, Jun 3, 10 ran).
Selection: RUSSIAN AFFAIR

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Cedar Shell.	2.15 Gloss.
2.45 Mallypha.	2.45 —
3.20 Stated Case.	3.20 Laughing Moon.
4.00 Grossen.	4.00 No Jazz.
4.35 Eurocon.	4.35 —
5.10 Singing Star.	5.10 —

Going: firm — **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

2.15 BILLY BOSTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,459: 1m 100yd) (12 runners)

1	(1)	6-41000	COSCONI 12 (B,G) (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 9-7	G Duffield	99
2	(2)	004-03	GLOSS 19 (Lord Porchester) R Williams 9-3	B Procter	98
4	(4)	011-000	ALVIN YORK 4 (B,G,S) (E St George) J Jenkins 9-2	G Baxter	95
5	(7)	30-0111	HEARD IT BEFORE 11 (F,S) (P Barnett) R Hollinshead 9-2	S Perks	98
6	(5)	00	CAROL'S SURPRISE 17 (Mrs C Lane) J Hills 9-0	R Street	84
7	(9)	006-00	FANTASQUE 31 (T Minahan) Pat Mitchell 9-0	N Connorton	96
9	(12)	000-023	CEDAR SHELL 8 (BF) (G B Turnbull Ltd) M Camacho 8-11	N Day	92
12	(11)	000	FANTASY STREET 8 (E Kettenacker) I Matthews 8-10	M Hindley	—
13	(8)	000-000	TIGER TIGER 32 (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 8-10	K Brownsword (7)	84
17	(6)	00-0000	PUNO 22 (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-6	J Carr (5)	—
18	(3)	0-	FAULKBOURDON 245 (Mrs A Macfarlane) Mrs G Reveley 8-7	D Nicholls	—
19	(10)	000-000	PENNY PLACE 4 (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 8-7	A Dumin (7)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Cosconi, 3-1 Heard It Before, 7-2 Cedar Shell, 7-1 Gloss, 8-1 Alvin York, 10-1 Carol's Surprise, 12-1 Tiger Tiger, 14-1 others.
1987: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

2.45 MICRON VIDEO STAKES (£1,207: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1	(5)	30000-3	MALLYPHA 7 (R Firth) J Edwards 4-9-10	K Darley	99
2	(4)	001/00	ALVECOTE MAGIC 53 (B,G) (D Collins) S Norton 4-9-6	M Birch	—
3	(2)	000-000	ENCHANTED COURT 36 (G) (J Barratt-Atkin) G Oldroyd 4-9-6	M Wood	—
4	(6)	231000-	DAWN SKY 224 (F) (Sarby Racing Ltd) J Balding 4-8-3	N Day	61
5	(1)	0	ALLMIN 71 (Minizen Ltd) M Brittain 6-8-0	M Wigham	—
6	(7)	410-0	LALITPOUR 3 (E Kelly) J Jenkins 4-9-10	G Baxter	—
7	(3)		RINGMORE 15J (W Sellers) J Parkes 6-9-0	P Burke (5)	—

BETTING: 4-5 Mallypha, 4-1 Lalitpour, 11-2 Alvecote Magic, 8-1 Dawn Sky, 10-1 Allmin, 16-1 Ringmore, Enchanted Court.

3.20 HULL KINGSTON ROVERS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,788: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1	(1)	213-3	LAUGHING MOON 46 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-7	W Ryan	83
4	(3)	4320-4	SENATOR SNUGFIT 8 (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 9-2	A Culhane (5)	83
5	(10)	00-0400	REED 15 (Mrs H Clarke) R Hollinshead 9-0	M Birch	98
6	(6)	41-0032	STATED CASE 10 (S) (P Muldoon) M H Easterby 8-13	M Birch	97
9	(4)	140-230	GILDED YOUTH 27 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J W Watts 8-9	N Connorton	93
14	(2)	0-000	POUR ENCOURAGER 12 (T Gregory) G Lewis 8-6	G Sexton	83
15	(8)	30004-3	BRONZE CROSS 13 (Enderleigh Sport Agencies) T Barron 8-5	D Nicholls	99
17	(5)	30-300	WANSHIYA 22 (B) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-4	R Hills	93
18	(7)	3300-00	HOT COMPANY 35 (B) (I MacNicol) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-1	G Carter	84
21	(9)	000-000	AFRICAN AFFAIR 13 (Mrs J Trotter) R Whitaker 7-7	N Carlisle	90

Long handicap: African Affair 7-6.
BETTING: 7-4 Laughing Moon, 3-1 Stated Case, 9-2 Gilded Youth, 5-1 Senator Snugfit, 7-1 Bronze Cross, 12-1 Reed, 20-1 others.

4.0 RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE HANDICAP (£1,932: 7f 100yd) (11 runners)

2	(4)	02-0013	THE MAZALL 4 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Smith) Miss L Siddall 8-10-2 (5ex)	M Birch	95
3	(10)	301-242	GROSSEN 5 (F) C (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-9-10	L Charnock	99
6	(1)	000-00	THUNDERING 12 (R Richards) C Brittain 3-8-11	W Ryan	92
7	(3)	0-000	WEST LEAT 11 (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 3-8-10	G Sexton	88
8	(8)	3-03030	NO JAZZ 28 (F) (M Soames) M Ryan 5-8-7	P Robinson	97
9	(7)	010001	JANE'S BRAVE BOY 8 (CD,F,G,S) (J Eddell) D Chapman 6-8-7 (6ex)	S Webster	93
10	(5)	0-00000	GEM OF GOLD 21 (B,S) (S Dunn) M Charles 5-8-5	J Quinn (5)	—
11	(11)	00-0004	ROOF GHOST 5 (S) (R Aykward) J Wilson 4-8-1	A Culhane (5)	93
12	(9)	0030-00	SPANISH MOU 15 (J Martin) M Eckley 3-7-13	S Wood (5)	87
13	(2)	000003	DANCING TOM 24 (B,S) (T Fairhurst) T Fairhurst 5-7-12	K Brownsword (7)	97
14	(6)	0200/00-	MISS BLAKE 3 (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-7-7	A Mackay (5)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Grossen, 7-2 Jane's Brave Boy, 5-1 Dancing Tom, 7-1 The Mazall, 8-1 No Jazz, 10-1 Thundering, 12-1 Roof Ghost, 16-1

The discreet dalliance of yesterday's cricketing personalities ought bear no pertinence to the Gatting barmaid affair

In quest of a leader with dignity to stand alone


Brearley: asset of sympathy

COMMENTARY



David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

The nation is peculiarly obsessed these days with the age-old susceptibility to an attractive barmaid, whether the gentleman is a royal auxiliary, a television person or the England cricket captain. What seems to me unbalanced is that the Gatting debate has been conducted more on the issue of morality, which is clearly irrelevant, than on the principle of sporting discipline, especially the degree to which this applies to the leader of a team.

Advocates spring to Gatting's defence, including predictably such pillars of liberal tolerance as *The Guardian*, which have steadfastly helped create the aura of permissiveness that threatens us all, and have concentrated on Gatting's entitlement to personal freedom rather than upon his duty *and obligations to* his team and *its* supposed ambition to win Test matches, and to sponsors who sustain the team and the game in general.

What is reprehensible about frolicking with barmaids at midnight is not that you may forfeit your wife but the match. No Olympic finalist would behave in this way; and any World Cup footballer would be sent home if caught in the act.

One of my wife's grandmothers, brought up in the tradition of disciplined Foreign Service during *the now* maligned era of Empire, once gave her the advice that you can do almost anything if you behave with dignity. That maxim is not hypocritical but the wisdom of accommodating human nature within public office. It is lack of dignity, among other shortcomings, which has consistently laid open Gatting's captaincy to criticism.

Three of the most famous post-war cricketers of England, Australia and West Indies respectively, one a captain, *offered late-evening* entertainment in their bedrooms to more ladies than they played Test matches. Three circumstances, however, were different in the dalliance of yesteryear's top sportsmen: they showed more discretion, they were not playing for today's substantial rewards with the attendant responsibility to employers, and they were not hounded by Grub Street.

Press gossip is nothing new. William Hickey of the *Express* was informing us for decades who was sleeping with whom, but in more sensitive terms than today's scandal sheets. Yet given that the flippant tabloids are watching every bedroom doorknob, it is the more inexcusable for international sportsmen to take any risk of damaging exposure while on duty. That is the justifiable cause for complaint at Lord's, however ineptly the Test and County Cricket Board have handled this episode and the several previous occasions of Gatting's lack of leadership *quality*.

It is nowadays a misconception that public figures, including cricket captains, should be, or need to be, popular. Never has the public concept of popularity been more of a vice, essentially because the roots of the desire for popularity by lightweight figures in the public eye is as much commercial as social. Such people, made wealthy by public exposure, whether as sportsmen or television persons, are encouraged to lose *their sense of judgement*, whether or not their upbringing encouraged a maintenance of discipline and standards.

Leadership, almost by definition, is not about popularity: often the reverse. It requires the ability, and willingness, to stand alone, like Brearley or like Blanchflower with Tottenham 25 years ago; to be liked, if possible, but above all to be respected even when taking decisions which are unpopular. It is almost impossible *to be* a successful captain and to remain one of the boys. Bill Beaumont achieved this with the England rugby team, but he still had great dignity and rugby is only an occasional game with no (official) financial stakes. With today's pressures, better to select a captain who is able to justify his position as a player than, like the Australians, pick an XI and then find a captain.

When the entire audience bar two of Robin Day's *Question Time* signalled disapproval of Gatting's sacking by the TCCB, they were being misguidedly drawn into the moral instead of the sporting debate. The difficulty for the TCCB is that modern life, short on discipline, does not breed potential cricket captains with both the intelligence and the fibre of Brearley.

Emburey, the new appointment, quotes in his autobiography (1987) a recent England captain saying: "The job's not bloody worth having." Paying tribute to Brearley's excellence combined with a sympathetic manner, Emburey says that what was needed to follow him "was not one of our own, but a player with experience, authority and objectivity to bring it all together". Can Emburey himself achieve this?

Peter Roebuck, the Somerset captain, has said that contemporary professional captains are reluctant to discipline colleagues, on or off the field, because of commercial factors. The quiet Emburey *undoubtedly has a mind*, and an ambition. We await to see whether he has a true leader's willpower.

CRICKET: YOUNG NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SUPPORTER BEMOANS TOUGH APPROACH BY THE WEST INDIANS IN COUNTY MATCHES

A notable scalp for Thorpe

By Jack Bailey

THE OVAL: Surrey, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 16 runs behind Leicestershire

Following their hard-earned lead of 76 runs, Leicestershire held a decided advantage at the day's end, having taken two Surrey wickets without being overtaken. Yet you could not help feeling that for all the adhesive qualities of Briers and Cobb, the stroke play of Whitaker and a late flurry from the bat of DeFreitas, Leicestershire had not fully grasped their opportunities.

The ball moved around all day for the quicker bowlers, both through the air and off the pitch, and never more disconcertingly than during a spell by DeFreitas at high speed during the last hour.

The "almost but not quite" theme that dogged Leicestershire's innings was epitomised by the dismissal of Briers, just short of two landmarks — the century opening partnership and his own half-century. Briers played with as much comfort as anybody against Surrey's quartet of seam bowlers, although he was passed several times by the outswingers of the promising Peters and dropped at slip before Greig had him lbw.

There seemed no doubt about this decision, but rather more queries were raised by the ball which saw Gower reluctantly on his way, after he had begun with a typically delightful and dismissive pull past mid-on for three. Chances were that he laid a bat on the ball before he, too, was given out lbw. Disappointment that Gower was thus denied one big innings before the Lord's Test was nicely balanced, however, by the joy felt by Thorpe, aged 18, in claiming such a distinguished scalp as his first in the first-class *game*.

When he also had Willey caught at extra cover he had captured two England batsmen in his first outing and his cup was overflowing. But it was a long time before Thorpe or anyone else could do anything about Cobb, who has a penchant for watchful defence and a patience possessed by few. His 65 scored out of 187, occupied four hours and a quarter, and was in similar vein to his last innings at Northampton, where he scored one run fewer at a comparative gallop, having stayed around for only four hours.

SURREY: First Innings 179 (G S Clinton 59; P A J DeFreitas 5 for 43).

Second Innings

G S Clinton c Whitticase b DeFreitas	13
D J Bicknell b Ferris	7
K T Medlycott not out	8
M A Lynch not out	26
Extras (nb 6)	6
Total (2 wkts)	60

D M Smith, D M Ward, *†I A Greig, G P Thorpe, M A Feltham, M M Peters and †G E Brown to bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-26.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

N E Briers lbw b Greig	49
R A Cobb c Feltham b Greig	65
*D I Gower lbw b Thorpe	3
P Willey c Lynch b Thorpe	10
J J Whitaker c Feltham b Medlycott	40
L Potter c Brown b Felton	13
P A J DeFreitas st Brown b Medlycott	30
J P Agnew not out	18
†P Whitticase not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 4, nb 3)	18
Total (7 wkts dec, 97.4 overs)	255

G J F Ferris and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-96, 2-99, 3-119, 4-182, 5-184, 6-226, 7-226.

BOWLING: Peters 19-4-59-0; Felton 26-9-57-1; Greig 21-3-50-2; Thorpe 14-2-33-2; Medlycott 17.4-9-45-2.

Bonus points: Surrey 4, Leicestershire 7.

Umpires: K J Lyons and R Palmer.

Queues formed outside Hampshire's county ground in Southampton at 7 a.m. yesterday for tickets for the club's first limited-overs final at Lord's.

Arthurton stakes claim for West Indies debut with a patient century

By John Woodcock

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire drew with the West Indians

It is curious mentality which can run a game as Richards did at Northampton yesterday, without the slightest consideration for the spectators, and yet himself have such a carefree approach to batting. In gorgeous weather *he allowed the match between* Northamptonshire and the West Indians to become pointless by refusing to declare.

You never want to believe what captains say at the start of a tour. Richards is only one of many to promise to play each match to win, weather permitting, without having any intention of doing so. There was no difference between the West Indian attitude yesterday and England's at Sahiwal six months ago. They were both cynical.

It must be a long time, too, since so many turned out on a third day at Northampton, hoping to see something to remember. The sponsors's tents were full. In the event there was not even an innings from Richards. He hit his seventh ball gently back to Bailey, a very occasional off-spinner.

Arthurton made 122, which may or may not have been enough to earn him a first Test cap on Thursday. Hooper's 74 bore the unmistakable stamp of class. Nothing else counted for much. As I heard one 10-year-old put it, it was "a swizz".

Without ever turning to the attack, Hooper was never in any trouble until he went sauntering down the pitch to Bailey, 40 minutes into the afternoon, and was stumped by Noon. A young man from Lincolnshire who was standing in for Ripley (damaged finger). That Hooper has a talent to become a very fine player is not in doubt. Whether he has the assertiveness to become a great one, only time will tell. But watch, for a start, the way he stands — in the natural position favoured by all the best West Indians, without the bat already in the air.

The form of Logie and Richardson is much less impressive. In 19 first-class innings on the tour they have managed only one fifty between them. As Richardson had been on Sunday evening, Logie was now leg before to Capel. This was during a spirited opening spell by Capel, who bowled for the first 85 minutes yesterday with a good deal more accuracy than he might have done a year ago.

Having survived a straight forward chance to extra cover when he was 13, in Cook's first over, and another at the wicket when in the 40s, Arthurton went on to one of the easier hundreds. As a left-hander he falls into a pattern. Like Jock Livingston, to think of a Northamptonshire player, or Fairbrother or Border he is compact, nimble and patient — and when he wound himself up the ball went a long way — two sixes far over the sightscreen and another onto the players' balcony.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings 288 (D L Haynes 72).

Second Innings

D L Haynes c Lamb b Cook	22
R B Richardson lbw Capel	0
C L Hooper st sub b Bailey	74
A L Logie lbw b Capel	10
K L T Arthurton b Larkins	121
*I V A Richards c and b Bailey	6
R A Harper b Cook	5
†D Williams c and b Holtman	51
C E L Ambrose not out	14
W K M Benjamin not out	21
Extras (b 6, lb 13, nb 2)	21
Total (8 wkts dec)	345

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-44, 3-63, 4-167, 5-175, 6-214, 7-305, 8-309.

BOWLING: Capel 15-2-35-2; Robinson, 10-3-15-0; Holtman 19-3-54-1; Cook 25-6-90-2; Bailey 17-2-77-2; Wild 5-2-15-0; Larkins 10-3-21-1; Lamb 4-0-19-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 231 (N A Stanley 55; C A Walsh 5 for 49).

Umpires: B Dudleston and A G T Whitehead.


Stroke of control: Gatting on way to his 76 yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Gatting hits out as Pienaar takes Middlesex to book

By Ivo Tennant

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent, with all their second-innings wickets in hand, need 209 runs to beat Middlesex

For the troubled cricketer seeking peace of mind, there can be no haven quite like Tunbridge Wells, unchanged, they say, since Frank Woolley's day. Yesterday it seemed to transform Mike Gatting, who relaxed and batted splendidly. So, too, did Paul Downton, who made his highest score of the season at an opportune time.

Their innings, of 76 and 74 respectively, gave Middlesex a reasonable chance of victory. The damp patches which had made batting so hazardous on Saturday have dried out, but there is something still for the seamers. Gatting, incidentally, will not be reporting the pitch; he feels he has quite enough to cope with for the time being.

He came in yesterday after Carr had been nicely taken at second slip. The reception from a large crowd, basking beneath the rhododendrons, was more generous than merely sympathetic. *In* nearly three hours Gatting drove, pulled and glanced 14 fours, often in dismissive manner. "Not a man move," C. L. R. James would have said. For the most part, Kent bowled tidily, and they held some spectacular catches. Graham Cowdrey clung on to a mis-hit drive by Butcher, and *Benson, who unusually fielded* in the slips for most of the day, took an excellent low, right-handed catch to remove Gatting at a time when it appeared certain a hundred was in the offing.

The medium-pacers shared the wickets. Pienaar taking five *for 27, his best bowling outside* South Africa. At this rate Alleyne, who is Kent's first choice overseas player and who is just about fit again, will find it hard to get his place back.

It was Pienaar who broke the stand between Downton and Emburey, worth 74 in 22 overs. As ever, it was hard to set a field to the England captain, his innings of 39 was invaluable.

After he was out, caught behind attempting to cut, Downton carried on serenely against his former county. When he passed 39, he had made his highest score of the season. He, too, batted for three hours and hit 11 fours. Pienaar finally removed him also.

Kent, then, were left needing 255 to win, with more than a day in which to get the runs. They did not have too many alarms last night, not even when the captain of Middlesex turned to the captain of England.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 92 (C S Cowdrey 4 for 16).

Second Innings

W M Stack lbw b Ellison	28
J D Carr c Benson b Ellison	6
*†M W Gatting c Benson b C S Cowdrey	76
R O Butcher c G R Cowdrey b Ellison	7
K R Brown c Hinks b Pienaar	13
†P R Downton c Ellison b Pienaar	74
J E Emburey c Marsh b Pienaar	39
N F Williams lbw b C S Cowdrey	9
A R C Fraser not out	7
N G Cowans c Marsh b Pienaar	0
P C R Tufnell c Tavare b Pienaar	6
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 3)	7
Total	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-57, 3-72, 4-115, 5-165, 6-239, 7-252, 8-262, 9-262.

BOWLING: Ellison 23-4-89-3; Penn 21-6-61-0; C S Cowdrey 22-6-56-2; Pienaar 16.1-7-27-5; Davis 14-5-33-0.

KENT: First Innings 110 (A R C Fraser 4 for 30).

Second Innings

M R Benson not out	25
N R Taylor not out	20
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (0 wkts)	46

S G Hinks, C J Tavaré, R F Pienaar, *†C S Cowdrey, G R Cowdrey, †S A Marsh, R M Ellison, C Penn and R P Davis to bat.*

Bonus points: Kent 4, Middlesex 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and B J Meyer.

Newport's influence continues

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Philip Newport's emergence as a match-winning bowler is one of the main reasons why **Worcestershire** lead the championship. Yesterday he followed a career-best of eight for 52 against Middlesex with five for 61 as injury-stricken **Hampshire** were forced to follow on 194 behind at New Road.

Newport, at lively fast-medium, brought his total of wickets to 22 in the last four *innings and 44 for the season* and Hampshire, put out for 203, would have been in a worse plight but for Jefferies, unable to bowl because of an injury, but well enough to make a stubborn half century. Hampshire are 66 for one in the second innings.

The dismissal of Gooch for *113 from the first ball he* received must have seemed a good idea to the Sussex bowlers at Ilford. Unfortunately this exposed them to Border who scored his his first championship century on an Essex ground as the side piled up 462 for eight.Foster, working himself back to full fitness, then *struck with three wickets as* Sussex struggled to 77 for five in their second innings.

Stephenson's all-round efforts have left **Nottinghamshire** well placed for a win over the bottom county **Glamorgan**, whose last eight first innings wickets disappeared for 47 runs on another sporting pitch at Trent Bridge. Glamorgan were bowled out for 91. The champions, in turn, lost four wickets for 36 before Stephenson struck out lustily for 65.

Middle of the bat show by Wright

By Richard Streeton

DERBY: Derbyshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, lead Gloucestershire by 149 runs

A chanceless 136 by Tony Wright made certain that Gloucestershire secured maximum bonus points yesterday before Graveney made an imaginative declaration 21 runs behind. Derbyshire made a shaky start to their second innings before Morris and Goldsmith stayed together.

Wright has always looked a *sound player since he started in* 1982 but his career has progressed slower than expected. This was only his third century and he seldom met the ball with anything other than the middle of the bat for nearly five hours. There was little help in the pitch for the bowlers, though the occasional ball swung in the heat.

This movement accounted for the first three wickets to fall before Wright and Bainbridge put on 113 in 29 overs for the fourth wicket. Derbyshire were without Mortensen, who injured a knee on Sunday but had seven other bowlers to call on.

Wright needed 50 minutes to pass through the 90s. He regularly punished anything loose and finished with 19 fours before being caught at deep midwicket. Bainbridge hit across a full toss from Barnett and the declaration followed.

Graveney considered Barnett's 175 on Saturday as good an innings as he has seen

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 329 (K J Barnett 175, B Roberts 69; K M Curan 6 for 103).

Second Innings

*†K J Barnett c Curran b Alderman	5
P D Bowler lbw b Alderman	23
B Roberts c Athey b Alderman	24
J E Morris not out	24
S C Goldsmith not out	43
Extras (b 3, nb 6)	9
Total (3 wkts)	128

†B J M Maher, R Sharma, A E Warner, M A Holding, D E Malcolm and O H Mortensen to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-58, 3-63.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold b Holding	87
J Wright c Morris b Bowler	136
P W Romaines c Maher b Roberts	27
C W J Athey c Maher b Malcolm	18
P Bainbridge lbw b Barnett	75
K M Curran not out	8
J W Lloyds not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 3)	7
Total (5 wkts dec, 97 overs)	308

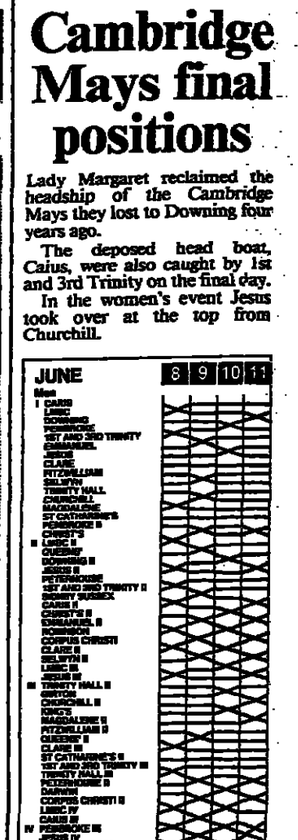
†R C Russell, *†D A Graveney, T M Alderman and D V Lawrence did not bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-123, 3-168, 4-281, 5-303.

BOWLING: Holding 22-3-55-1; Malcolm 15-2-53-1; Mortensen 6-1-11-0; Sharma 19-9-54-0; Warner 15-2-47-0; Roberts 10-1-45-1; Bowler 6-0-24-1; Barnett 4-0-15-1.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 6, Gloucestershire 8.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and N T Plews.


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Cambridge Mays final positions

Lady Margaret reclaimed the headship of the Cambridge Mays they lost to Downing four years ago.

The deposed head boat, Caius, were also caught by 1st and 3rd Trinity on the final day.

In the women's event Jesus took over at the top from Churchill.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday June 18

VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE
2 Oakleigh v Grn Gully
1 St Albans v Fawkner

VICTORIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Altona G v Richmond
1 Dandenong v Sunbury
1 Essendon v Nunawading
X Knox City v Mordialloc
2 Westgate v Frankston P

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
2 Altona C v Sndrnghm
1 Clifton H v Ringwd U
1 Doncaster v Prahran B
X Eltham v Pt Melbrne
X Keilor v Doveton
1 Waverley v Heidlbrg C
1 Yarrawlla v N Geelong

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
2 Bell Park v Seaford U
1 Clarinda v Yallourn
1 Coburg v Mornington
1 Hamlyn v Moreland Pk
2 Hawthorn v Geelong
1 Lalor v Cono
X Springvale U v Mrabbin

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
X Bentleigh v Williamstwn
1 Boronia v Chelsea
2 Keysboro v Caringal
1 Langwarrin v E Brnswck
1 Pascoe V v Holland Pk
1 Rosanna v Fernlree

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
1 Ardeer v W Meadows
2 Ballarat v Regent
X Central v Prahran
X Clayton v Brnswck C
1 Diamond V v Mossfiel
1 Malvern C v N Sunshine

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
X Croydon v Adelaide C
1 Croatia v Hellas
1 Lion-G v Cumberland
2 Para Hills v WT Birkalla
1 Polonia v Modbury
2 Woodville v Salisbury

SOUTH AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
2 Asteras v Blackwood
1 Brighton C v Elizabeth

2 Central D v Azzurri
1 Pt Adelaide v Enfld G
2 Seaford v Noarlunga

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION
1 Lutwyche v Oxley U
1 University v Slacks Crk

QUEENSLAND FOURTH DIVISION
2 Brothers U v Kenmore
2 Pine Hills v Southside
1 Toowong v Logan City

TASMANIA FIRST DIVISION NORTH
X Devonport v Eagles
2 St Leonards v Olympic
2 Somerset v Matric
2 W Sub v Burnie

TASMANIA FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
2 Caledonians v Hobart J
2 Croatia v Rapid
1 Hobart City v Howrah
1 Tarrona v Metro
2 University v S Hobart

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Knox City, Eltham, Keilor, Springvale U, Bentleigh, Central (Victoria), Clayton, Campbelltown, Devonport. Next best: Westgate, Boronia, Rosanna.
BEST DRAWS: Eltham, Keilor, Bentleigh, Clayton, Devonport.

AWAYS: Sandringham, Geelong, Caringal, Azzurri, Olympic, Burnie, Rapid, South Hobart.
HOMES: St Albans, Altona Gate, Clifton Hill, Waverley, Coburg, Lalor, Diamond V, Malvern C, Lutwyche, Toowong, Hobart City, Tarrona.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Camb U v Yorkshire

FENNER'S: Yorkshire beat Cambridge University by 10 wickets

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: 158 (M A Atherton 75; P Carrick 4 for 42) and 135 (S D Fletcher 4 for 25).

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 251 (D Byas 69, A A Metcalfe 52).

Second Innings

P J Berry not out	23
M G Nicholson not out	12
Extras (b 4, lb 2)	6
Total (0 wkts)	41

BOWLING: Pointer 4-0-17-0; Perry 1-0-2-0; Fenton 4-0-12-0; Atherton 0.3-0-4-0.

Umpires: S B Hassan and R A White.

Essex v Sussex

ILFORD: Sussex, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 230 runs behind Essex

SUSSEX: First Innings 155 (G Miller 5 for 76).

Second Innings

A M Green c Gooch b Foster	23
R I Alikhan b Foster	18
*†P W G Parker c East b Pringle	1
A P Wells b Topley	9
C M Wells c Miller b Foster	0
Imran Khan not out	16
A R Clarke not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 6)	7
Total (5 wkts)	77

N J Lenham, *†† J Gould, A C S Pigott and S J Kimber to bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-37, 3-55, 4-57, 5-63.

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch c and b Green	113
†D E East c Alikhan b C M Wells	13
P J Prichard lbw b Imran	80
A R Border run out	151
B R Hardie c Green b Clarke	17
D R Pringle b Clarke	1
G Miller b Imran	17
N A Foster lbw b Imran	0
T D Topley not out	56
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (8 wkts dec)	452

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-198, 3-208, 4-256, 5-280, 6-319, 7-321, 8-452.

BOWLING: Imran 28-4-92-3; Pigott 10-1-53-0; C M Wells 20-3-49-1; Clarke 43.5-14-115-2; Green 24-1-90-1; Kimber 12-1-59-0.

Score after 100 overs: 301-5.

Worcs v Middx

WORCESTER: Hampshire, with nine second-innings wickets remaining, are 128 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis b Connor	131
G J Lord lbw b Andrew	20
G A Hick c Parkes b Cowley	177
*D B D'Oliveira c R A Smith b Ayling	0
*P A Neale lbw b Andrew	38
M J Weston b Connor	5
†S J Rhodes lbw b Connor	0
P J Newport not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 13, w 2, nb 1)	20
Total (7 wkts dec)	387

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-312, 3-314, 4-361, 5-385, 6-385, 7-387.

Score after 100 overs: 325-3.

BOWLING: Connor 19-6-66-3; Andrew 28.3-8-78-2; Jefferies 15-0-59-0; Ayling 25-1-68-1; Cowley 30-5-86-1; Nicholas 6-1-23-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry b Newport	14
C L Smith b Radford	4
*M C J Nicholas c D'Oliveira b Newport	23
R A Smith c Rhodes b Weston	45
D R Turner c Hick b Dilley	3
J R Ayling c Rhodes b Radford	13
P Bainbridge lbw b Barnett	53
*R J Parks c Neale b Weston	22
C A Connor b Newport	1
S J W Andrew c D'Oliveira b Newport	2
N G Cowley not out	10
Extras (lb 10, nb 3)	13
Total (67 overs)	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-81, 4-90, 5-111, 6-112, 7-153, 8-176, 9-192.

BOWLING: Dilley 17-4-37-1; Radford 16-3-52-2; Newport 20-3-61-5; Weston 12-4-26-2; Illingworth 2-0-7-0.

Second Innings

V P Terry lbw b Weston	24
C L Smith not out	39
C A Connor not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 1)	3
Total (1 wkt)	66

FALL OF WICKET: 1-66.

Notts v Glamorgan

TRENT BRIDGE: Glamorgan, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 309 runs to beat Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 178 (D W Randall 67; J G Thomas 6 for 68).

Second Innings

B C Broad b Barwick	15
P Pollard c Metson b Thomas	1
M Newell lbw b Derrick	0
D W Randall run out	30
*J D Birch c Maynard b Barwick	0
F D Stephenson c Hopkins b Barwick	65
K P Evans c and b Barwick	23
†C W Scott c Ontong b Derrick	34
E E Hemmings c Butcher b Derrick	12
K E Cooper not out	23
D J Millns c Hopkins b Derrick	7
Extras (lb 9, w 3, nb 2)	14
Total	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-20, 3-27, 4-36, 5-77, 6-145, 7-150, 8-159, 9-214.

BOWLING: Thomas 15-1-57-1; Barwick 30-7-93-4; Derrick 27.5-8-67-4; Shastri 2-1-4-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A R Butcher c Newell b Cooper	27
J A Hopkins c Randall b Hemmings	10
*H Morris c Scott b Cooper	25
M P Maynard b Stephenson	0
R J Shastri b Millns	1
P A Cottey not out	12
R C Ontong c Randall b Cooper	5
J G Thomas c Pollard b Stephenson	0
J Derrick b Stephenson	0
†C P Metson c Scott b Stephenson	1
S R Barwick c Hemmings b Stephenson	0
Extras (lb 9, nb 1)	10
Total (47 overs)	91

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-44, 3-46, 4-47, 5-72, 6-84, 7-88, 8-88, 9-91.

BOWLING: Stephenson 22-7-42-5; Cooper 17-10-15-3; Hemmings 5-2-10-1; Millns 3-1-15-1.

Second Innings

J A Hopkins c Scott b Cooper	1
P A Cottey b Stephenson	4
†C P Metson not out	0
*H Morris not out	1
Extras (nb 3)	3
Total (2 wkts)	9

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-7.

LEAGUE CRICKET RESULTS

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: First section: Woodvale 137 for 9, Warrenstown 141 for 6; Downpatrick 178, Holywood 100; Lurgan 237 for 4, North Down 231 for 9; B

GOLF

Lytham lures Jacklin to Open

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Tony Jacklin is one of 12 past winners who have entered the 117th Open Championship which will be played at Royal Lytham and St Annes from July 14 to 17. Jacklin, who won the Open on the Lancashire links in 1969, has not played in the Championship since 1985. He will be joined by Nick Faldo, the defending champion, Severiano Ballesteros, Bob Charles, Sandy Lyle, Johnny Miller, Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Gary Player, Bill Rogers, Lee Trevino and Tom Watson.

Arnold Palmer, successful in 1961 and 1962, Scott Simpson, who is this week defending his US Open title, and Hale Irwin, are among the notable absentees along with Masashi Ozaki and Tommy Nakajima, both of Japan, and Scott Hoch, Dan Pohl and Joey Sindelar, the Americans.

Derrick Cooper, Barry Lane, Mark James, Christy O'Connor jnr and David Whelan owe their places among the 80 exempt players to their high positions in the PGA European Tour Order of Merit.

Of the leading 40 players in the Sony world rankings, 33 are included in the total entry of 1,393, which is 20 fewer than the record, established at St Andrews in 1984, but 508 more than when the Open was last held at Royal Lytham in 1979, when Ballesteros won.

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient, said: "The quality of the international entry is again one of the strongest assembled for any championship."

Curtis Strange, who has often elected not to compete, has joined 33 other exempted Americans to indicate the prize fund of £700,000 is juicy enough to attract the leading players from across the Atlantic.

Americans are flat out to make amends

Leap Year for women golfers in this country carries much more significance than supposed matrimonial opportunity (John Hennessy writes). As a rule, now happily suspended, the Americans come here to defend the Curtis Cup and stay to lend their formidable presence to the British Amateur championship.

Rarely have they had such an incentive to provide the winner as they have this week at Deal. It does not belittle the British effort in winning the trophy at Royal St George's nearby to record that, by all accounts, the Americans did not do themselves justice.

The weather promises to be more hospitable towards visitors than it was at Sandwich and for the British team the problem may be more a question of motivation after their glittering triumph.

TENNIS: COACHING A CHAMPION MORE INTENSE THAN PLAYING ON CIRCUIT, ACCORDING TO MENTOR OF WORLD NO. 1

The team keeping Graf at the top

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Steffi Graf, who celebrates her nineteenth birthday today, has two men in her life. One is her father, Peter, who has coached the Australian and French champion throughout her career and, on the big occasions, still does. The other is a former Czechoslovak Davis Cup player, Pavel Slozil, who has been her surrogate coach and permanent practice partner for a year and a half.

This trio work as a closely knit team captained by Peter Graf. Two years ago he realized that Steffi needed full-time professional help and that, having other responsibilities back home in Germany, he could not always be with her on the road. He broached the subject with the popular, mild-mannered Slozil, then aged 30.

"I was finishing my career," Slozil told me recently. "I'd always played the major tournaments, but I began to lose in the early rounds and started to play qualifications. So I was looking for something new.

"I thought I should take care of somebody and for a year and a half I helped Horacio de la Peña and Jakob Hlasek. But I couldn't give them 100 per cent because I was still playing. Then Peter asked if I could help Steffi. My federation agreed and I started the job."

Slozil was surprised to find out how demanding — yet satisfying — his task was. "Peter had asked me if I could practise four hours a day. I thought, why is he asking? If I can play with the men, I can play with a woman. But in January, 1987, in Spain, I began to understand. We played four hours a day on hard courts. Every Saturday. Every Sunday. No break.

"When I played for myself I was not a real professional, 100 per cent for tennis. When I lost, I thought about my family and going home to Prague. Taking three days off. Playing soccer. I can't do that now. With Steffi, it's more intensive. Somebody worked out that we spent more than 40 weeks together last year.

"There was more playing, more travelling, than before. I can't go to discos, can't drink, because the next day I must be in shape. And I spend so little time — mostly, it's two or three days — with my wife and family."

Slozil and his wife, Jana, who often travels with him, are lucky in that their daughter, aged four, can stay at home with young grandparents.

Slozil was not complaining. I



Graf: Self-critical

had asked him to talk about both sides of his job as Graf-sharpener. As a final comment on the less glamorous aspects, he pointed out that in some ways, competing was easier than caring for others.

Of his early days with the Davis Cup team, he said: "I sat on the bench with the other kids, hoping that Smid or Lendl would win. It's easier to take care of yourself. On the bench, you can't help. You can't do anything."

A similar situation cropped up in January when Graf, having led Chris Evert by 6-1 and 5-1 in the final of the Australian championship, lost game after game before clinching the title. Slozil could only watch helplessly.

"All that is the hard part," Slozil said. "The job is very difficult. But I like it very much because I enjoy working on the court: and you can see the results. When Peter asked me if I could help, Steffi was No. 3 [in the world rankings]. She became No. 2, then No. 1. Now she is in a position where she is not supposed to lose a match, so there is a lot of pressure.

"Steffi is a self-critical person for whom everything has to be perfect — and she likes the work. She enjoys every hour of practice, every day. That's very good. It makes my job much easier." Players who have been prominent for longer than Graf need a perceptive and reassuring practice partner more than they need a coach. Mike Estep, who worked with Martina Navratilova in her prime, has observed: "Every player, even the No. 1, has a confidence problem."

Warren Jacques, director of the British men's international squad, has been playing and coaching since he was a teenager. Jacques worked with juniors in Australia and Texas in turn before he became the mentor of Kevin Curren, Steve Denton, Bill Scanlon, Anne Smith and Kathy Jordan.

"I'd watched all these players," Jacques says, "and they lacked what I'd lacked — the support and knowledge of somebody giving them guidance on the road. I wish I'd had it: I would have been a damn sight better player."

Jacques says a coach can provide technical help, organize training and practice, "scout" opponents in order to devise strategy, and analyse a player's game after a series of losses ("You can't do it on your own"). A coach, he added, should "know the real pressures of match-play".

Boris Becker, like Graf, is still young enough to benefit from full-time help: that of Bob Brett. But the celebrities mostly need coaches only when preparing for — and competing in — the grand slam tournaments. And many coaches cannot spare the time to be on the road all the year.

Dennis Ralston and Tony Roche join Chris Evert and Ivan Lendl only for the big occasions.

At this level, coaches come expensive. Those sporadically engaged on the international tour have to hire somebody to look after the shop while they are away. Those travelling full-time expect more than they would make in a more secure job.

The terms of engagement vary, but full-time help can cost a player anything from £300 to £1,250 a week, plus expenses — and a coach's travelling and hotel costs for 25 weeks in a year can amount to about £15,000.

Finally, coach and player have to get on well. One of the least predictable teams is that of the quiet and dreamy Stefan Edberg and that genial, garrulous extrovert, Tony Pickard, a former British Davis Cup player (who discusses Edberg as some American boxing managers discuss their charges — in the first person plural).

Not a lot of Swedes have Nottingham coaches. This partnership happened by accident. Pickard had some early coaching experience with British Galea Cup and Davis Cup teams but later became international professional tennis director for Wilson, the Chicago-based sporting goods company.

Seven years ago, Pickard secured Edberg's signature on an endorsement contract. The chemistry between them was perfect. To be glib about it, Edberg had the talent and Pickard the confidence. If challenged about Edberg's Wimbledon chances, Pickard would doubtless suggest that "we" could beat everybody.

Javer dismisses Provis for Navratilova date

By David Powell

A north-east wind and overcast skies were replaced by Californian-style sunshine at Eastbourne yesterday. Monique Javer still feels a long way from home, so the weather was welcome. Born in Burlingame, California, Javer has a British passport but an accent which gives the game away. In her first round match at the Pilkington Glass tournament, she gave nothing away.

Javer is the new face among the familiar features of the British women's squad. She was detained on the centre court for such a short time that not many spectators had the chance to get to know her. Nicole Provis, of Australia, who had a match point against Natalia Zvereva to play Steffi Graff in the French final, was beaten 6-1, 6-0 in 39 minutes.

Anne Hobbs, the British No. 1, said it was the first time she had seen Javer. Today it will be the turn of Martina Navratilova in the second round. "I don't know what she looks like and I don't know how she plays." Navratilova said. Javer, whose English mother, Anne, was raised 30 miles away in Rye, is in Sussex to watch her daughter. "She's so nervous," Mrs Javer said before the Provis match

Javer, aged 20, was given international clearance only five months ago to play for Britain. She has shared a court with Navratilova before. "It was about eight years ago — I used to ball-boy for her and run for her autograph."

Navratilova beat a qualifier, Alexia Dechaume, of France, 6-0, 6-2. Navratilova later wore a sweatshirt which read: "Change the World". Presumably she would be happy to wait three weeks, long enough to win a record ninth women's singles title at Wimbledon.

Pam Shriver is seeded to beat Navratilova in the final, but almost failed against Isabelle Demongeot, of France; she trailed by a set and 0-5. "I've never had a comeback like that," Shriver said after winning 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

RESULTS: Singles: First round: M Javer (GB) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-1, 6-0; G Magers (US) bt P Harper (US), 6-3, 6-1; A Minter (Aus) bt P Fendick (US), 6-2, 6-0; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt E Inoue (Japan), 6-4, 6-4; I Kuczynska (Pol) bt V Lake (GB), 6-2, 6-2; R Reggi (It) bt H Ludloff (US), 6-3, 6-1; N Sukova (Cz) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 6-1, 6-3; B Potter (US) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-4, 6-4; M Navratilova (US) bt A Dechaume (Fr), 6-0, 6-2; J Dune (GB) bt K Schimper (SA), 6-3, 6-3; A Henricksson (US) bt J Hetherington (Can), 6-2, 7-6; C Porwik (WG) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-4, 6-3; E Smylie (Aus) bt E Burgin (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-2 6-4; N Herreman (Fr) bt P Fendick (US), 6-4, 1-6, 8-1; P Shriver bt I Demongeot (Fr), 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt G Fernandez (P Rico) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; S Gomer (GB) bt E Minter (Aus), 7-5, 6-7, 6-0; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt S Loosemore (GB), 6-2, 7-6; Z Garrison (US) bt H Witvoet (Neth), 6-4, 7-5; D Ballestrat (Aus) bt I Dnehuis (Neth) 6-1, 6-3; D van Rensburg (SA) bt B Schultz (Neth), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; W Turnbull (Aus) bt Hu Na (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; N Zvereva (USSR) bt T Phelps (US), 6-1, 6-2; S Parkhomenko (USSR) bt E Hakami (SA), 6-3, 6-0; R Fairbank (SA) bt W White (US), 6-2, 7-6.

Lessons for Jacques

Britain's third and fourth-ranked players, Stephen Shaw and Nick Fulwood, were the only home winners yesterday on the opening day of the Bristol Trophy, which Warren Jacques watched to help determine where he might find reinforcements for his national squad (Richard Eaton writes).

Although Shaw's 6-0, 6-4 victory over Darren Kirk and Fulwood's hard-earned win by 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, over another 19-year-old, the left-handed Frenchman, Phillipe Pech, probably provided few clues, the successes do set up particularly interesting second round matches today.

Shaw, a withdrawal from last week's Davis Cup squad, meets the British No. 1, Jeremy Bates, who almost single-handedly got his country to within one match of a return to the World Group; Fulwood meets the lively title holder, Kelly Evernden.

Jacques may have learnt more from the performance of 6ft 5in Chris Bailey, who, in between losing his first and his last service games in a 7-5, 6-4 defeat to Derrick Rostagno, of the United States, hit a hatful of service winners.



Becker's backing: Maria Piggetti, aged 12, helps the Stella Artois champion launch the LTA's Coca Cola youth awards at a Chiswick club yesterday (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater)

Bale goes to pieces on grass

By Steve Acteson

Stuart Bale found a first taste of grass this season not to his liking as the British No. 8 fell 6-4, 6-1 to the unranked Stephen Heron in the Wimbledon qualifying tournament first round at Roehampton yesterday.

Bale, the national champion only two years ago, became irritated with his sloppiness in the first set and was consistently outmanoeuvred by Heron, aged 20, from York. He finally dropped his serve in the tenth game of the opening set and although he held it at the first opportunity in the second, he then lost five games in a row as his game went to pieces.

The Winchester club coach, Laurence Matthews, was another British first round winner, beating Johan Vekenans, of The Netherlands, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Three British women recorded first round successes. Karen Hunter, Samantha Smith and Sarah Sullivan all beating opponents ranked more than 200 places above them to prove the wisdom of the decision of Sue Mappin, of the Lawn Tennis Association, to offer incentive grants of £1,000 to any British girl who qualified. The money comes from Direct Line Insurance.

Hunter dispatched Veronique Martinek, of West Germany, in three sets. Smith, despite dropping her first set 6-1 against Rachel McQillan, of Australia, took the next two to line up a second round match against Hunter today. Sullivan defeated Cammy McGregor, of the United States, in straight sets.

MOTOR SPORT

Le Mans is a victory in Jaguar's showrooms

By Andrew Longmore

The sense of release, as Jan Lammers crossed the line to bring Jaguar its first victory at Le Mans for 31 years, was not confined to the team. Chief executives, marketing directors, advertising agents and sponsors all shared the moment of joy. The race is won, they cried, let the world know about it.

The advertisements proclaiming Sunday's success, which appeared in newspapers worldwide less than 24 hours after the race, will be just the beginning of a commercial operation designed to capitalize on the victory. The company played down the direct relationship between sales and success on the track, but there was no disguising the buoyant mood of the Jaguar chairman, Sir John Egan, yesterday.

"We go racing to strengthen the image of Jaguar," he said. "Because of their successes in the Fifties, the image held up through the bad years that followed. We saw what they did and felt that the image of the current company would not be complete until we had done the same. Now we have.

"When we won the Daytona 24-hour race earlier in the year, our agent in Florida said that he had a marked increase in customers through his showroom. People started believing that it was their Jaguar that had won the race. By winning Le Mans, what was already a cost-effective programme has become even more so."

What will please Egan almost as much as victory is the good showing of their two American-based cars. One ran steadily into fourth, the other lost two hours when its gearbox had to be changed but still survived, enabling three Jaguars to finish the race in a photogenic line astern. The publicity the victory will generate in the huge American market will do much to balance the unfavourable exchange rate.

Castrol, the main sponsors of the Jaguar team in America, will also be delighted. They have come from nowhere to gain 10 per cent of the American market through appealing to the do-it-yourself motorist. The Jaguar sponsorship has been an important part of their marketing effort.

In contrast, Porsche's defeat, however honourable, will be a blow to their cause in the United States, where they sell half their cars. Officially, this was their last Le Mans, and they would have liked to sign off with their eighth win in a row. "Sure, we are disappointed not to be No. 1, but the result shows that eight of the top 10 cars were Porsches." Heinz Branitzki, their chief executive, said.

Six in row likely for McLaren

By John Blunsden

Marlboro McLaren expressed considerable pre-race concern in Montreal on Sunday about their ability to eke out their allotted fuel for the Canadian Grand Prix and still remain competitive. For a while this raised hopes that perhaps for the first time this year the red and white cars and their drivers would have a fight on their hands, but it was not to be.

We should be thankful that McLaren are running two such talented drivers, Senna and Prost, who are so evenly matched, for this at least assures us of some genuine competition up front even if it is within the same team.

This weekend the scene shifts to the streets of downtown Detroit, a difficult environment for Formula One cars and for drivers seeking to build a rhythm into their race strategy.

It is the one venue where McLaren have fared poorly in recent years — they have not won there since John Watson's victory in 1962 — but given their customary pace and reliability, it is difficult to believe they will not be making it six wins in a row next Sunday.

RESULTS: 1, A Senna (Br), McLaren-Honda, 1hr 39min 46.618sec; 2, A Prost (Fr), McLaren-Honda, at 5.934sec; 3, T Boussen (Bel), Benetton-Ford, 51.408sec; 4, N Piquet (Br), Lotus-Honda, 1 lap; 5, I Capelli (It), March-Judd, 1 lap; 6, J Palmer (GB), Tyrrell-Ford, 2 laps; 7, D Warwick (GB), Arrows-Megatron BMW, 2 laps; 8, G Tarquini (It), Coloni-Ford, 2 laps; 9, A de Cesaris (It), Rial-Ford, 3 laps; 10, P Alliot (Fr), Larousse-Cameis, 3 laps; 11, S Nakajima (Japan), Lotus-Honda, 3 laps; 12, S Modena (It), EuroBrun-Ford, 3 laps; 13, L Perez-Sala (Sp), Menard-Ford, 5 laps; 14, P Ghinzani (It), Zakspeed, 6 laps. World championship positions: Drivers: 1, Prost, 39pts; 2, Senna, 24; 3, Berger, 18; 4, Piquet, 11; 5, Alboreto, 9; 6, Warwick, 8; 7, Boussen, 7; 8, Palmer, 3; 9, Capelli, 2; equal 10, Nakajima, Nannini, Patrese and Cheever, 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren-Honda, 63pts; 2, Ferrari, 27; 3, Lotus-Honda, 12; 4, Arrows-Megatron, 9; 5, Benetton-Ford, 8; 6, Tyrrell-Ford, 3; 7, March-Judd, 2; 8, Williams-Judd, 1.

FOOTBALL

Italy prepare to contain Michel

Frankfurt (AP) — Italy and Spain meet in a group one match tonight, having both enjoyed an enouraging start to the European championship.

Spain leads the group after beating Denmark and a win tonight would virtually guarantee them a semi-final place. But the manager of Italy, Azeglio Vicini, believes that a win for his team, who drew with West Germany on Friday, will also ensure a place in the semi-finals. He also thinks his team may have an advantage: "We had one extra day of rest compared to the Spanish and that could be an advantage."

But Italy will be wary of Michel, the Spanish midfield player who had an outstanding game on Saturday. Michel, who plays for Real Madrid, scored the first goal and missed a penalty.

Vicini indicated that Maldini, aged 19 and the youngest player in the tournament, will be in charge of marking Michel. "Michel was great against Denmark but, I must add, he was not closely marked. We have to find a special plan to contain him," Vicini said.

De Napoli, a midfield player, injured an ankle in the first match and may be missing from the Italian team.

Spain will probably be without the defender, Camacho, who injured a shoulder against Denmark. He would be replaced by Miguel Soler.

The last time the two sides met, they produced a goalless draw at the 1980 European championships in Italy, a competition later won by West Germany. Spain must gain something from the match today or risk facing a difficult task in their final group match with West Germany.

ITALY (probable): W Zenga; G Bergomi, P Maldini, F Baresi, R Ferri, C Ancelotti, R Donadoni, L de Agostini (or F de Napoli), G Vialli, G Giannini, Mancini.
SPAIN (probable): A Zubizarretta; G Andrinua, T Renones, M Sanchis, M Soler (or J Camacho), M Michel, R Gallego, Victor, R Gordillo, E Butragueño, J Bakero.

Giddy spells may keep Olsen on sidelines

Gelsenkirchen, West Germany, (Reuter) — The Danish captain, Morten Olsen, the oldest player in the European championship, may miss the group one match with the hosts, West Germany, today because of spells of giddiness.

Olsen, aged 38, who suffered from giddiness before and during the defeat by Spain on Saturday, would then miss the chance to become the first Danish player to win 100 caps. He made his 97th appearance for his country against Spain.

He plans to retire from international competition after the championship, so Denmark must reach the semi-finals if he is to complete his century.

Lars Olsen will replace his namesake if neccessary. Heh and Nielsen both have slight injuries and may miss the match. Sivebaek is likely to lose his place at right back to Berggreen.

Franz Beckenbauer, the manager of West Germany, said he hoped his team would play better than it had done against Italy: "I'm convinced we will play better against Denmark — we must if we are to reach the semi-finals," he said.

Rolff, a midfield player, is expected to replace Berthold.

WEST GERMANY (probable): E Immel; J Kohler, M Herget, G Buchwald, W Rolff, P Littbarski, L Matthäus, O Thon, A Brehme; J Khnsmann, R Voeller.
DENMARK (probable): T Rasmussen; K Berggreen, M Olsen, I Nielsen, S Busk, J Holt, M Laudrup, S Lerby, J Heintze, F Povlsen, P Elkjaer.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

BRAZILIAN: Rio de Janeiro: Vasco da Gama 3, Flamengo 1; Americano 3, Fluminense 2. Leading positions: 1, Vasco da Gama played 3, 5pts; 2, Flamengo, 3. São Paulo: Corinthians 1, America 1; Juventus 4, Mogimmm 1; Noroeste 1, Inter Limeira 0; Palmeiras 3, Piracicaba 3; São Jose 2, São Bento 2; Ferrowaria 2, Portuguesa 0; Jau 4, Uniao 1; Guarani 5, Santo Andre 1. Leading positions: Group one: 1, Inter Limeira, 27pts; 2, São Paulo and Santos, 25. Group two: 1, Corinthians, 28pts; 2, São Jose and Guarani, 27.

PORTUGUESE CUP: Semi-finals: Guimaraes 2, Portimonense 1 (aet); Porto 1, Benfica 0.

ROMANIAN: Dinamo Bucuresti 8, Corvinul Hunedoara 2; Victoria Bucuresti 2, Sportul Studentesc 0; SC Bacau 3, Petrolul Ploiesti 2; Universitatea Craiova 6, FC Olt 0; CSM Suceava 1, Otelul Galati 2; Arges Pitesti 3, Flacara Moreni 1; ASA Tirgu Mures 1, FCM Brasov 1; Politehnica Timisoara 4, Rapid Bucuresti 3; Universitatea Cluj-Napoca 0, Steaua Bucuresti 3. Leading positions: 1, Steaua, played 32, 60pts; 2, Dinamo, 32, 56; 3, Victoria, 32, 39.

YUGOSLAVIAN: Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 3, Sloboda Tuzla 3; Rijeka 2, Sarajevo 1; Partizan Belgrade 2, Buducnost Titograd 0; Sutjeska 2, Red Star Belgrade 2; Dinamo Zagreb 5, Vojvodina Novi Sad 0; Radnicki Nis 3, Velez Mostar 2; Celik Zenica 2, Prsirina 3; Hajduk Split 0, Vardar Skoppe 0; Osijek 3, Rad Belgrade 2. Final positions: 1, Red Star, played 34, 45pts; 2, Partizan, 34, 44; 3, Velez, 34, 42.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Chance for Crooks to stake claim

From Keith Macklin
Brisbane

Four wins in four Queensland games is the target run-up to the second international against Australia at Brisbane, the Great Britain team manager, Les Bettinson, said.

Announcing the squad to play Combined Brisbane at Lang Park tomorrow night, Bettinson said that the side which played so well against Australia at Sydney last Saturday would be "split up and moved around" to form a nucleus in each of the games.

The team includes seven of the squad that played in the fighting 17-6 defeat at Sydney Football Stadium. They are Phil Ford, Gill, Schofield, Stephenson Hanley, Powell and Gregory. Hanley plays at stand-off half, and Gregory is at loose forward after playing in the second row at Sydney.

The choice of Crooks at prop gives him a chance to stake a claim for the international side after recovering full fitness.

SQUAD: P Ford; H Gill, G Schofield, D Stephenson, C Gibson; E Hanley, M Ford; B Case, P Groves, L Crooks, R Powell, K Fairbank, M Gregory. Substitutes: I Wilkinson and H Waddell.

POLO

St Catherine's stay in front of Perrier

Perrier conceded half a goal to take on David Flynn's 14-goal squad, St Catherine's Court, in the second round of the Royal Windsor Cup at Smith's Lawn yesterday (John Watson writes). But the lower handicapped St Catherine's kept the edge throughout the five chukkas and won, 4½-3.

Perrier's Yeoman, Rinehart and Mansur are mutually familiar players, but did not look so good yesterday and the nine-goal American, Rinehart, was generally well marked by John Smail.

The Saracens started half a goal up to meet Brent Walker. The Saracens were slow in welding togther and Brent Walker were leading until treading-in time. Cody Forsyth and Charles Beresford, harmonized beautifully. The final account was a 6½-4 victory for Saracens.

ST CATHERINE'S COURT: 1, D Flynn (0); 2, J Smail (3); 3, S Mackenzie (8); Back, T Mamaga (3).
PERRIER: 1, R Mishcom (0); 2, J Yeoman (2); 3, O Rinehart (5); Back, R Mansur (4).
SARACENS: 1, A Dann (0); 2, Lord C Beresford (6); 3, C Forsyth (7); Back, J Green-Armytage (1).
BRENT WALKER: 1, C Vivian-Smith (1); 2, W Luces (5); 3, A Kent (7); Back, Lord Milford Haven (2).

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: National division: Manchester All Stars 14, Glasgow Lions 35; Manchester Spartans 48, Bournemouth Bobcats 13; Leicester Panthers 21, Birmingham Bulls 23; North Herts Stormbringers 10, Thames Valley Chargers 20; Luton Flyers 38, Nottingham Hoods 14; London Olympians 43, Chelmsford Cherokee 20; London Ravens 26, Leeds Cougars 6.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Hawthorn 17.16 (118) bt Essendon 10.8 (68); Collingwood 16.7 (103) bt Geelong 9.10 (61); Melbourne 13.15 (93) bt West Coast 10.13 (73).

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Hawthorn	9	2	0	1429	1058	135.1 36
Carlton	9	2	0	1280	948	135.0 36
Melbourne	9	2	0	1073	898	119.5 36
Collingwood	8	3	0	1037	825	125.5 32
Geelong	6	5	0	1248	1110	112.4 24
Essendon	5	5	0	1176	1074	109.5 24
West Coast	5	6	0	1145	1004	114.1 20
Sydney	5	6	0	1017	1136	89.4 20
Brisbane	5	6	0	956	1312	73.0 20
Footscray	4	7	0	918	951	96.5 16
N Melbourne	3	8	0	1222	1395	87.6 12
Fitzroy	3	8	0	1128	1297	87.0 12
St Kilda	3	8	0	891	1057	84.5 12
Richmond	2	9	0	1009	1487	68.8 8

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Montreal Expos 4, New York Mets 3 (11 innings; Philadelphia Phillies None, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; Chicago Cubs 4, St Louis Cardinals 3; Houston Astros 5, Atlanta Braves 0; San Diego Padres 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Cincinnati Reds 10, San Francisco Giants 6. American League: New York Yankees 6, Baltimore Orioles 5; Detroit Tigers 5, Cleveland Indians 4; Boston Red Sox 8, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Chicago White Sox 2; Kansas City Royals 6, California Angels 4; Minnesota Twins 5, Seattle Mariners 2; Texas Rangers 3, Oakland Athletics 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Mets	36	22	.533	–
Pittsburgh Pirates	34	27	.557	4½
St Louis Cardinals	32	29	.525	6½
Chicago Cubs	31	29	.517	7
Montreal Expos	30	29	.508	7½
Phila Phillies	25	33	.431	12

West division

LA Dodgers	32	26	.552	–
Houston Astros	32	27	.542	½
San Fran Giants	31	30	.508	2½
Cincinnati Reds	28	33	.459	5½
San Diego Padres	25	35	.417	8
Atlanta Braves	20	37	.351	11½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East division

New York Yankees	38	21	.644	–
Detroit Tigers	36	23	.610	2
Cleveland Indians	36	25	.590	3
Milwaukee Brewers	31	30	.508	8
Boston Red Sox	28	29	.491	9
Toronto Blue Jays	28	33	.459	10½
Baltimore Orioles	15	45	.250	23½

West division

Oakland Athletics	40	21	.656	–
Minnesota Twins	32	27	.542	7
Kansas City Royals	32	29	.524	8
Texas Rangers	30	31	.492	10
Chicago White Sox	26	33	.441	13
Seattle Mariners	26	37	.413	15
California Angels	23	38	.377	17

SCOTTISH AMICABLE NATIONAL LEAGUE: London Warriors 8, Humberside County Bears 5; Lancashire Red Sox 18, Southern Tigers 15; Mersey Mariners 9, Nottingham Knights 4.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Championship play-off: Los Angeles Lakers 99, Detroit Pistons 86 (Los Angeles lead best-of-seven series 2-1).
KUALA LUMPUR: Women's Olympic qualifying tournament: Soviet Union 97, Poland 44, Australia 82, Italy 57, Bulgaria 78, Czechoslovakia 77.

BOWLS

ALSOP CUP (Portland): Northumberland 91, Cumbria 150. (Gussborough), Yorkshire 114, Durham 112. ARMSTRONG CUP (Bishop Auckland): Durham 106, Yorkshire 127.
EASTERN COUNTY LEAGUE (Bedford): Bedfordshire 114, Norfolk 104.
HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE (Oxford): Oxfordshire 91, Buckinghamshire 134.
UNDER-40 LEAGUE (Gloucester): Gloucestershire 94, Wiltshire 113.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (Bristol): Bristol City and County 121, Herefordshire 138.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Teams of 16 (at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards): 1, Civil Service 1,777 (R Mundy 185); 2, RAF 1,777 (after tie) (D Galvert 182), Teams of 10 (at 800, 900 and 600 yards) 1, Royal Navy 1,571, 2, Kent 1,340. Teams of 12 (at 900 and 1,000 yards): 1, Royal Marines 1,054; 2, North London RC 1,037.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bourne: Lincolnshire 146 and 15-0; Northumberland 150-9 dec (D Marshall 5-45). Henlow: Bedfordshire 203-8 dec (R D V Knight 61, P D B Hoare 51, R Kingshott 5-30); Norfolk 186-8. Bulls: 23, North Herts Stormbringers 10, Thames Valley Chargers 20; Luton Flyers 38, Nottingham Hoods 14; London Olympians 43, Chelmsford Cherokee 20; London Ravens 26, Leeds Cougars 6.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Hawthorn 17.16 (118) bt Essendon 10.8 (68); Collingwood 16.7 (103) bt Geelong 9.10 (61); Melbourne 13.15 (93) bt West Coast 10.13 (73).

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Hawthorn	9	2	0	1429	1058	135.1 36
Carlton	9	2	0	1280	948	135.0 36
Melbourne	9	2	0	1073	898	119.5 36
Collingwood	8	3	0	1037	825	125.5 32
Geelong	6	5	0	1248	1110	112.4 24
Essendon	5	5	0	1176	1074	109.5 24
West Coast	5	6	0	1145	1004	114.1 20
Sydney	5	6	0	1017	1136	89.4 20
Brisbane	5	6	0	956	1312	73.0 20
Footscray	4	7	0	918	951	96.5 16
N Melbourne	3	8	0	1222	1395	87.6 12
Fitzroy	3	8	0	1128	1297	87 0 12
St Kilda	3	8	0	891	1057	84.5 12
Richmond	2	9	0	1009	1487	68.8 8

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Montreal Expos 4, New York Mets 3 (11 innings; Philadelphia Phillies None, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; Chicago Cubs 4, St Louis Cardinals 3; Houston Astros 5, Atlanta Braves 0; San Diego Padres 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Cincinnati Reds 10, San Francisco Giants 6. American League: New York Yankees 6, Baltimore Orioles 5; Detroit Tigers 5, Cleveland Indians 4; Boston Red Sox 8, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Chicago White Sox 2; Kansas City Royals 6, California Angels 4; Minnesota Twins 5, Seattle Mariners 2; Texas Rangers 3, Oakland Athletics 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Mets	36	22	.533	–
Pittsburgh Pirates	34	27	.557	4½
St Louis Cardinals	32	29	.525	6½
Chicago Cubs	31	29	.517	7
Montreal Expos	30	29	.508	7½
Phila Phillies	25	33	.431	12

West division

LA Dodgers	32	26	.552	–
Houston Astros	32	27	.542	½
San Fran Giants	31	30	.508	2½
Cincinnati Reds	28	33	.459	5½
San Diego Padres	25	35	.417	8
Atlanta Braves	20	37	.351	11½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East division

New York Yankees	38	21	.644	–
Detroit Tigers	36	23	.610	2
Cleveland Indians	36	25	.590	3
Milwaukee Brewers	31	30	.508	8
Boston Red Sox	28	29	.491	9
Toronto Blue Jays	28	33	.459	10½
Baltimore Orioles	15	45	.250	23½

West division

Oakland Athletics	40	21	.656	–
Minnesota Twins	32	27	.542	7
Kansas City Royals	32	29	.524	8
Texas Rangers	30	31	.492	10
Chicago White Sox	26	33	.441	13
Seattle Mariners	26	37	.413	15
California Angels	23	38	.377	17

SCOTTISH AMICABLE NATIONAL LEAGUE: London Warriors 8, Humberside County Bears 5; Lancashire Red Sox 18, Southern Tigers 15; Mersey Mariners 9, Nottingham Knights 4.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Championship play-off: Los Angeles Lakers 99, Detroit Pistons 86 (Los Angeles lead best-of-seven series 2-1).
KUALA LUMPUR: Women's Olympic qualifying tournament: Soviet Union 97, Poland 44, Australia 82, Italy 57, Bulgaria 78, Czechoslovakia 77.

BOWLS

ALSOP CUP (Portland): Northumberland 91, Cumbria 150. (Gussborough), Yorkshire 114, Durham 112. ARMSTRONG CUP (Bishop Auckland): Durham 106, Yorkshire 127.
EASTERN COUNTY LEAGUE (Bedford): Bedfordshire 114, Norfolk 104.
HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE (Oxford): Oxfordshire 91, Buckinghamshire 134.
UNDER-40 LEAGUE (Gloucester): Gloucestershire 94, Wiltshire 113.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (Bristol): Bristol City and County 121, Herefordshire 138.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Teams of 16 (at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards): 1, Civil Service 1,777 (R Mundy 185); 2, RAF 1,777 (after tie) (D Galvert 182), Teams of 10 (at 800, 900 and 600 yards) 1, Royal Navy 1,571, 2, Kent 1,340. Teams of 12 (at 900 and 1,000 yards): 1, Roy

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Dutch advocate makes case for Hoddle's return

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Düsseldorf

A Dutchman has made a suggestion which could restore England's fortunes in the European championship and eliminate his own nation. Arnold Mühren is convinced that Glenn Hoddle should play from the start against Netherlands tomorrow in a tie that has become unexpectedly critical for both sides.

Logic had indicated that they would be competing here for the lead in group two. Had they taken their chances on Sunday, they would have been. Instead they are scrambling to avoid a substantially less dignified position – holding the wooden spoon. "It is now virtually all or nothing," Bobby Robson admitted yesterday.

He opened his international managerial career by stating that he would build his team around Hoddle. The plan was never fully developed and last September, after the 3-1 defeat in West Germany, the talented midfield player was reduced, apparently permanently, from acting as a central figure to no more than a prominent member of the chorus line.

The irregular policy is beyond the comprehension of Mühren, particularly as he himself was introduced to Ipswich Town by Robson. "I don't understand the reason for not playing Hoddle," he says. "They say he doesn't defend enough but England have five other players who can defend and not one who can do the same job as him."

A graphic illustration of what Mühren meant was to be seen in Stuttgart. During the ineffective partnership of Neil Webb and Bryan Robson, which lasted for the first hour, England "created four chances", in the words of the manager. "Hoddle came on and picked the game up just like that," he added, snapping his fingers. "He made an instant impact."

Mühren is particularly puzzled by Robson's reluctance to rely on Hoddle when he remembers his own experience. "I respect England's manager and I've worked very well with him. He brought me and Thyssen into the English



game and we were two players who didn't have the typical English outlook. Nor does Hoddle."

Frustrated by intermittent international appearances (at the age of 30, he has won 51 caps), Hoddle is eager to regain the free role he was given in Hungary five years ago. Then, supported by Lee, Mabbutt and Bryan Robson, England won a World Cup qualifying tie 3-0.

Yet, after belatedly transforming the quality of the approach against the Irish and in the light of the current heavy speculation, he fears that the Dutch may already be planning to inhibit his contribution should he be selected. He would expect them to employ a guard specifically to imprison him.

The Neckarstadion in Stuttgart should have been his stage for 90 rather than 30 minutes. The Irish, committed to defence, were familiar and ideal opponents, but England should, in spite of Hoddle's temporary absence, have collected two points from their least awkward game. "We should have won handsomely," Robson conceded.

Lineker, with a slice of fortune, might have scored three and the woefully inaccurate Beardsley, another two. With scarcely any assistance from Barnes and Waddle on either flank, England opened up the middle of the Irish defence with increasing regularity but without applying the finishing touch.

The problem is not unusual. In seven fixtures so far this year, England have scored only five goals.

Bryan Robson defended Lineker: "There is a lot of pressure on him. His record speaks for itself and he usually does the business for us but we all have to share the responsibility for our lack of goals at the moment." At least the Dutch are equally profligate.

According to the statistics, the Irish and Soviet Union goalkeepers were "highly involved" on 36 occasions between them on Sunday. Neither Bonner nor Dassayev was beaten. "The teams that had most of the play both lost," Bobby Robson commented. Now each must make the most of their next opportunity.

Casualties share the leader's limelight



That sinking feeling: Roel Engels's final tribute to his holed yacht, Doortje, was to picture her exit from the Carlsberg race



Engels: lucky to be insured

Soaring losses on high seas

By Barry Pickthall

It is the moment every solo sailor fears: the tragedy of stepping into his life raft and watching helplessly as his hopes and, in many cases, life savings, disappear beneath the waves.

It happened last week to Roel Engels, one of the Dutch competitors in the Carlsberg single-handed transatlantic race, who had just enough time to take the photograph on the left before grabbing his knife and cutting the safety-line holding his life raft before it too was pulled under water.

Moments later, his 34-foot glass-fibre yacht, Doortje, which had been badly holed after hitting an unseen object 200 miles west of the Scilly Isles, became the 22nd craft to be lost in the 18-year history of this classic solo challenge against the elements.

Engels, who was rescued by a Spanish fishing boat five hours later, hopes to reclaim his loss on insurance and fund his next ambition to enter the BOC single-handed round-the-world race, but Robin Oakley, who was forced to abandon his trimaran, Stockwood, on the same day after it too had hit an unknown object, was less fortunate.

A catalogue of disasters

Like most other multi-hull sailors, he was unable to buy insurance cover for his trimaran following a catalogue of similar disasters in recent years that have made these fast but frail craft virtually uninsurable.

It was the thought of abandoning £400,000 in mid-ocean that doubtless played a part in Mike Birch's decision not to abandon his boat for the safety of a container ship after his trimaran Fujicolour was badly damaged after hitting two whales within 24 hours.

The Falmouth coastguard and Canadian authorities were alerted when the Canadian activated the emergency beacon on the 60-foot trimaran. But later, when a ship was diverted to pick him up, the lone sailor who is one of the most experienced seamen competing in this year's race, chose to stay with his holed and uninsured craft in the hope of making it alone to the Azores, 700 miles away.

Yesterday, he was half-way there, but out of radio contact after the batteries on the boat had been damaged by flooding.

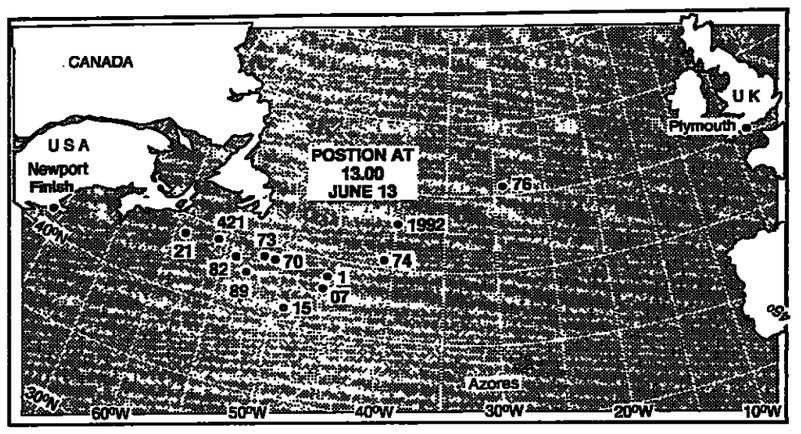
Poupon on course to shatter record

Philippe Poupon last night was less than 500 miles from the finishing line at Newport, Rhode Island, in the Carlsberg single-handed transatlantic race (Barry Pickthall writes). If the Frenchman can continue his remarkable 15-knot average speed, he will arrive at Newport tomorrow and clip at least six days off the 16½-day record he set four years ago.

A triumph for Poupon in his 60ft trimaran, Fleury Michon, would be shared by Nigel Irens, the Bristol-based designer. Irens also designed the second-placed boat, Laiterie Mont St Michel, sailed by Olivier Moussy.

Poupon reported yesterday that although he was rather cold, he had made the boat warm and was making good speed with no breakages.

Tony Bullimore, of Britain, was in ninth place, 496 miles behind Poupon.



The leaders in the Carlsberg Transatlantic Race at 1300 BST yesterday (eight days after the start from Plymouth) were nearing 60° West and between 40° and 45° North: 21, P Poupon (Fleury Michon, Fr) 535 miles to finish; 421, O Moussy (Laiterie Mont St Michel, Fr), 680; 82, L Peyron (Lada Poch II, Fr), 696; 89, P Steggall (Sebago, US), 777; 73, B Peyron (VSD, Fr), 798; 70, F Arthaud (Groupe Pierre Premier, Fr), 938; 15, H Mabire (Gerard Henon, Fr), 968; 07, J Maurel (Elf Aquitaine III, Fr); 1, A Bullimore (Spirit of Apricot, GB), 1038; 74, P Herold (Dupol Duran, Fr); leading monohull, 1992, J-Y Terlain (UAP 1992, Fr); smallest boat, 76, A Rowe (Dreamweaver, GB).

Charlton has tough task to keep Irish feet on ground

From Clive White, Hanover

The Republic of Ireland squad, on its way down from cloud nine, flew here yesterday to prepare for their next task in this European championship, the defeat of the Soviet Union at the Niedersachsen stadium tomorrow. The Irish, unbeaten in 11 games, are possibly just one victory away from a place in the semi-finals, a thought which had seemed preposterous just 48 hours earlier.

That is the speed with which fortunes can change in short major tournaments such as this one. The first job of Jack Charlton, the manager of the Republic, will be to keep his players's feet firmly on the ground after a victory over England which only they seem to believe was possible.

It will not be easy for any of them, Charlton and Maurice Setters, his coach, included, to avoid the feeling that they have already scaled their mountain. But if the Irish (who are playing in their first major finals) truly mean to progress in the world game, then they must understand that international recognition does not end with a victory over England, certainly not these days.

The Soviets, with whom the Republic shared a win apiece in their qualifying group for the last World Cup, will be on a high of their own after their unexpected victory over The Netherlands. Even if the star of Dinamo Kiev and the Soviet Union (the two are virtually synonymous) seems to have fallen since 1986 when they left onlookers and opposition alike breathless all the way from Lyon to Mexico, they still possess players in the prime of their life. Players like Zavarov, Belanov, Rats and Demianenko are all in their late twenties.

The Republic are no less endowed with players of experience but unlike the Soviets they have still to suffer their first rebuff at this level and because of it could be all the more dangerous.

DETAILS

GROUP ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
West Germany	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Denmark	1	0	0	1	2	3	0

RESULTS: West Germany 1, Italy 1; Denmark 2, Spain 3.
REMAINING MATCHES: Today: West Germany v Denmark (Gelsenkirchen, 4.15); Italy v Spain (Frankfurt, 7.15). June 17: West Germany v Spain (Munich, 7.15); Italy v Denmark (Cologne, 7.15).

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rep of Ireland	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Soviet Union	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
England	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Netherlands	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

RESULTS: England 0, Republic of Ireland 1; Netherlands 0, Soviet Union 1.
REMAINING MATCHES: Tomorrow: England v Netherlands (Dusseldorf, 4.15); Republic of Ireland v Soviet Union (Hanover, 7.15). June 18: England v Soviet Union (Frankfurt, 2.30); Republic of Ireland v Netherlands (Gelsenkirchen, 2.30).

Supreme show-stopper

It could be the greatest mismatch since Mike Tyson beat Tony Tubbs: Rinat Dassayev, the Soviet Union goalkeeper, versus the Republic of Ireland's forward line (Clive White writes). On recent form, Dassayev, once a forward, has more chance of scoring than Stapleton or Aldridge.

Should they fail, these Irishmen, who have not scored in 20 games, will have the consolation of knowing that they are in good company. As Gullit and Koeman, the Dutchmen, discovered in the 1-0 defeat to the Soviet Union in Cologne, Dassayev, at 31 today, is still the best in the world at shot-stopping.

Some people in Derby might begrudge the Soviet the ultimate accolade as the world's greatest all-round goalkeeper because of his weakness on crosses (a frailty some say he shares with Shilton). But such a failing seems insignificant alongside his ability to keep the ball out of his net. Perhaps his examination by Koeman was from too great a distance but one save from a close-range strike by Gullit confirmed his quality.

McEnroe joins the festivities

From Richard Evans
Dublin

If Dublin experiences a happier day in the summer of its millennium, the luck of the Irish will be in full flood. The after-glow of the Republic's victory over England was burnished by a day of glorious sunshine and the arrival, for only the second time, of John McEnroe.

All things considered, his first feel of a grass court since the Australian Open two and a half years ago went well. Playing for Ireland against Sweden in the GOAL Challenge – a Third World relief charity which is expected to raise more than £60,000 from the event – McEnroe beat Mats Wilander over three delightfully played sets on a court laid over the croquet lawn of New Square at Trinity College.

A crowd of 2,400 enjoyed the humour as much as the tennis. McEnroe tried to kick a ball back up court to a ball boy and succeeded only in slicing it into the stands. "That looked like England's shots yesterday," he said.

Although McEnroe was more garrulous than usual, words were superfluous in the face of the wizardry that sprung from his racket. In fact, the only quote he needed was one he could have borrowed from one of Trinity's old boys, Oscar Wilde: "I have nothing to declare but my genius."

Wimbledon puts world rankings out to grass

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Wimbledon seedings suggest that the men's singles final should be between Ivan Lendl, runner-up for the past two years, and Mats Wilander, who has yet to reach the semi-finals. On the other hand, Wilander has won all three of this year's major events: the Australian, the French and the Lipton championships.

Steffi Graf, who has won the three corresponding women's titles, has been seeded to beat Martina Navratilova and so reverse the result of the 1987 final.

The 16 women's seeds duplicate the world rankings computed by the Women's International Tennis Association. But the seeding committee has slightly adjusted the men's rankings.

According to the rankings, John McEnroe, three times champion, should have been seeded fourteenth. Instead, he is promoted to eighth. That respects his record and the form and fitness he showed in the recent French championships. McEnroe has not competed at Wimbledon since 1985 but has an outside chance of regaining the title.

The other adjustments are marginal and equally justified. Miloslav Mecir, who has been out of action with back trouble, is seeded ninth, three places lower than his ranking indicates. Boris Becker and Henri Leconte are both seeded one place higher than they would be in accordance with the rankings.

The last four men to win the title, McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Becker and Pat Cash, are seeded between fourth and eighth. Cash and Becker would have been higher in the years when the seeding committee did not have the guidance of world rankings (based on year-round form). Equally, Navratilova, champion for the past six years, would have been top seed as a matter of courtesy.

The committee is to be congratulated on refusing to be slavishly obeisant to the ranking computers, while making only such adjustments as common sense demanded. It needs to be remembered that the object of seedings is to produce a balanced draw by keeping the leading players apart until the later rounds – and that the leading players on hard courts, clay, or carpets are not necessarily competent on grass.

The world rankings are ideal for deciding which players have earned direct entry to big events. But the public interest demands that different priorities – basically, horses for courses – should be considered when allocating seedings. Wimbledon has respected those priorities and could have done so even more boldly.

WIMBLEDON SEEDS

Singles

MEN: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, M Wilander (Swe); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, P Cash (Aus); 5, J Connors (US); 6, B Becker (WG); 7, H Leconte (Fr); 8, J McEnroe (US); 9, M Mecir (Cz); 10, T Mayotte (US); 11, A Jarryd (Swe); 12, J Svensson (Swe); 13, E Sánchez (Sp); 14, A Chesnokov (USSR); 15, A Mansdorf (US); 16, S Zivojnovic (Yug).

WOMEN: 1, S Graf (WG); 2, M Navratilova (US); 3, P Shriver (US); 4, C Evert (US); 5, G Sabatini (Arg); 6, H Sukova (Cz); 7, M Maleeva (Bul); 8, N Zvereva (USSR); 9, H Mandlikova (Aus); 10, L McNeil (US); 11, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 12, Z Garrison (US); 13, L Savchenko (US); 14, K Maleeva (Bul); 15, S Hanika (WG); 16, M J Fernandez (US).

Doubles

MEN: 1, K Flack and R Seguso (US); 2, J Fitzgerald (Aus) and Jarryd; 3, S Casal (Sp) and Sánchez; 4, K Curren and D Pate (US); 5, G Forget (Fr) and T Smid (Cz); 6, R Leach and J Pugh (US); 7, P Annacone (US) and C van Rensburg (SA); 8, K Evernden (NZ) and J Kriek (SA); 9, D Cahill (Aus) and Zivojnovic; 10, W Masur and M Woodforde (Aus); 11, S Davis (US) and B Drewett (Aus); 12, P Aldrich and D Visser (SA); 13, J Nystrom and M Pernfors (Swe); 14, A Kohlberg and R Van't Hof (US); 15, B Dyke (Aus) and T Nijssen (Neth); 16, J Bates (GB) and P Lundgren (Swe).

WOMEN: 1, Navratilova and Shriver; 2, Kohde-Kilsch and Sukova; 3, Graf and Sabatini; 4, McNeil and B Nagelsen (US); 5, J Novotna (Cz) and C Suire (Fr); 6, E Pfaff (WG) and E Smylie (Aus); 7, E Burgin and R White (US); 8, K Adams (US) and Garrison; 9, R Fairbank (US) and G Fernandez (P Rico); 10, L Meskhi and S Parkhomenko (USSR); 11, Savchenko and Zvereva; 12, Mandlikova and B Potter (US); 13, Evert and W Turnbull (Aus); 14, J Durie (GB) and S Peete (US); 15, I Demongeot and N Tauziat (Fr); 16, C Lindqvist (Swe) and T Scheuer-Larsen (Den).

MIXED: 1, Sánchez and Navratilova; 2, Fitzgerald and Smylie; 3, Pugh and Novotna; 4, Annacone and Nagelsen; 5, Van Rensburg and Mandlikova; 6, Visser and Fairbank; 7, Bates and Durie; 8, J Grabb (US) and Burgin; 9, P Slozil (Cz) and Graf; 10, Leach and P Fendick (US); 11, Cahill and N Provis (Aus); 12, Nijssen and M Bollegraf (Neth); 13, M Mortensen (Den) and Scheuer-Larsen; 14, S Stewart (US) and Garrison; 15, R Van't Hof and T Daniels (US); 16, M Freeman (US) and McNeil.

Waugh medicine sweetener

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

BATH: Warwickshire, with nine second-innings wickets standing, lead Somerset by 67 runs

Steve Waugh's considerable gifts plainly include a sense of timing. On the day when Somerset were preparing, heavy of heart, to accept that Martin Crowe will take no further part in their season, the Australian stand-in stole the show with an immaculate 103 not out to check Warwickshire's progress up the championship table.

Crowe's chronic back injury is apparently not responding to treatment and the club last night issued a statement confirming that, on specialist's advice, he must rest for four months in a bid to be fit for New Zealand's autumn tour of India. This unpalatable medicine, for Somerset followers, has been greatly sweetened by Waugh's remarkable form.

Yesterday's innings was his second unbeaten century of the season and his fourth in eight championship innings; since joining the county, as Crowe's deputy, he has now made 688 runs in the competition at an average of 115. At the age of 23 he has hungry ambition to complement his talent and he could make a great deal more runs during the rest of the summer. Somerset's immediate response last night was to award him his county cap.

None of this should suggest that Crowe will not be missed. It is significant that Somerset's two wins this season were both inspired by his batting – he scored 132 at Worcester, then 136 not out and 80 against Lancashire. The relentless grind of his schedule for New Zealand and Somerset, however, has clearly taken its toll and the club must be profoundly grateful to have a player of Waugh's calibre in reserve.

At start of play on this charming ground overlooked on all sides by Bath's Georgian splendour, the prospect of a Somerset declaration with only three wickets down seemed remote. The pitch was already supporting spin and Small, with the new ball, obtained enough life to beat the bat regularly, removing Wyatt in his eighth over as he pushed forward.

Hardie survived precariously and was dropped at short leg off Reeve. Occupation brought him confidence, however, and the spinners helped him on his way with some stray, short offerings. Warwickshire have won three of their last four games, only losing the fourth after applying the follow-on, but the quick bowlers have been their weapon. Here, Merrick was missing through injury and Small was ultimately blunted by the pitch.

Pierson did spin one past Bartlett's defence just before lunch and, in mid-afternoon, Hardie was also undone by turn. By then, however, this upright left-hander had made 81 in 3½ hours.

Waugh was soon past 50, from only 77 balls, and although Gifford once beat him with a slower ball, getting one hand to the checked drive, his errors were otherwise negligible. With the combative Pringle sharing an unbroken century stand for the fourth wicket, Somerset were able to choose their moment to declare and put the onus on Warwickshire to set a target today.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 315 for 9 dec (T A Lloyd 151; BOWLING: Jones 11-0-53-0; Foster 17-5-43-0; Marks 46-13-108-3; Rose 22-6-47-6; Cleal 15-3-47-0).

Second Innings

A J Moles lbw b Jones	11
†T A Lloyd not out	23
Asif Din not out	2
Total (1 wkt)	46

A C Stone, †G W Humpage, P A Smith, D A Reeve, G C Small, A A Donald, A R K Pierson and N Gifford to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-32.

SOMERSET: First Innings

J J E Hardy b Pierson	81
J G Wyatt lbw b Small	7
R J Bartlett lbw b Pierson	28
S R Waugh not out	103
N J Pringle not out	41
Extras (b 7, lb 12, w 1, nb 4)	24
Total (3 wkts dec)	284

†N D Burns, G D Rose, *V J Marks, A N Jones, D J Foster and M W Cleal did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-91, 3-179.
BOWLING: Small 14-4-31-1; Donald 11-4-34-0; Gifford 28-4-54-0; Reeve 14-5-23-0; Pierson 28-4-84-2; Asif Din 3-0-20-0; Smith 8-1-19-0.
Score after 100 overs: 276-3.
Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Somerset 4.
Umpires: D G L Evans and R Julian.

Pickup chosen as director of Sports Council

By Louise Taylor

The Sports Council last night named David Pickup director general, to succeed John Wheatley, who retires in the autumn.

Pickup, aged 51, from Lancashire, is an experienced administrator who is deputy secretary of the Association of District Councils. Pickup's experience in this field, combined with an earlier position at the Department of Environment, was instrumental in his appointment.

He was the unanimous choice of a working party which included John Smith, the Sports Council's chairman. "We need a first-class manager and administrator, and David will provide us with those skills," Smith said last night. "The Sports Council works in a political world and his knowledge of this area will be invaluable."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Phillips is added

Captain Mark Phillips and Jane Thelwall, who both missed the main Olympic selection trial at Badminton last month, has been added to the three-day event Olympic long list bringing the total number of long-listed riders to nine.

Three more horses have also been added to the list as a result of good performances at the Bramham and Punchestown three-day events last month. They are Virginia Leng's Beneficial, Rachel Hunt's Ballymurphy V and Karen Straker's Corriwack. All three riders were already listed with their first horses.

LONG LIST: R Bevan (Horton Point), L Clarke (Fearlath Mor), R Hunt (Aloaf and Ballymurph V) v Leng (Master Craftsman and Beneficial), M Phillips (Cartier) R Powell (Special Appointment and the Irishman II), I Stark (Sir Wattle and Glenburnie), K Straker (Get Smart and Corriwack), J Thelwall (King's Jester).



Montana: leads side

49er in town

Joe Montana, the quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, is in London this week to promote the American Bowl '88, in which he will lead his side against the Miami Dolphins at Wembley on July 31.

On his bike

Joey McLoughlin, the Milk Race winner in 1986 but who was forced to abandon after four days in this year's event because of tendonitis, was back on his bike yesterday on local roads near his home at Aintree. He had a steady ride for two hours – "no hills, just on the flat" – as the first stage of a recovery route to the Tour de France starting on July 4.

Final sell-out

Queues formed outside Hampshire's headquarters at Southampton's county ground at 7 a.m. yesterday for tickets for the club's first limited overs final appearance at Lord's in the Benson and Hedges Cup on July 9.

Warren out

Frank Warren has pulled out of staging the Lloyd Christie v Tony Laing British light-welterweight championship.

Containers a hidden danger

Another man now counting himself lucky is Wijtze van der Zee, whose ribs and arm were badly bruised when his monohull, New Magic Breeze, also collided with a water-logged object the same day that Stockwood and Doortje were abandoned. Like Oakley and Engels, van der Zee believes that his Dutch yacht, which broke its rudder in the collision and was later towed to Ireland, may have hit a freight container washed off one of the many container ships that traverse the Atlantic.

According to a spokesman at Lloyd's, the ships regularly lose containers, particularly in the winter months when storms are a regular occurrence. These steel containers, which measure 8ft square and are up to 40ft long, are often packed with buoyant goods which continue to provide a measure of flotation long after the containers have become water-logged, presenting a hidden menace to all who sail across the Atlantic.

Double date

Steve Ovett, the former Olympic 800 metres champion, has entered for both the 800 and 1,500 metres events in the Southern Counties' championships at Crystal Palace this weekend.